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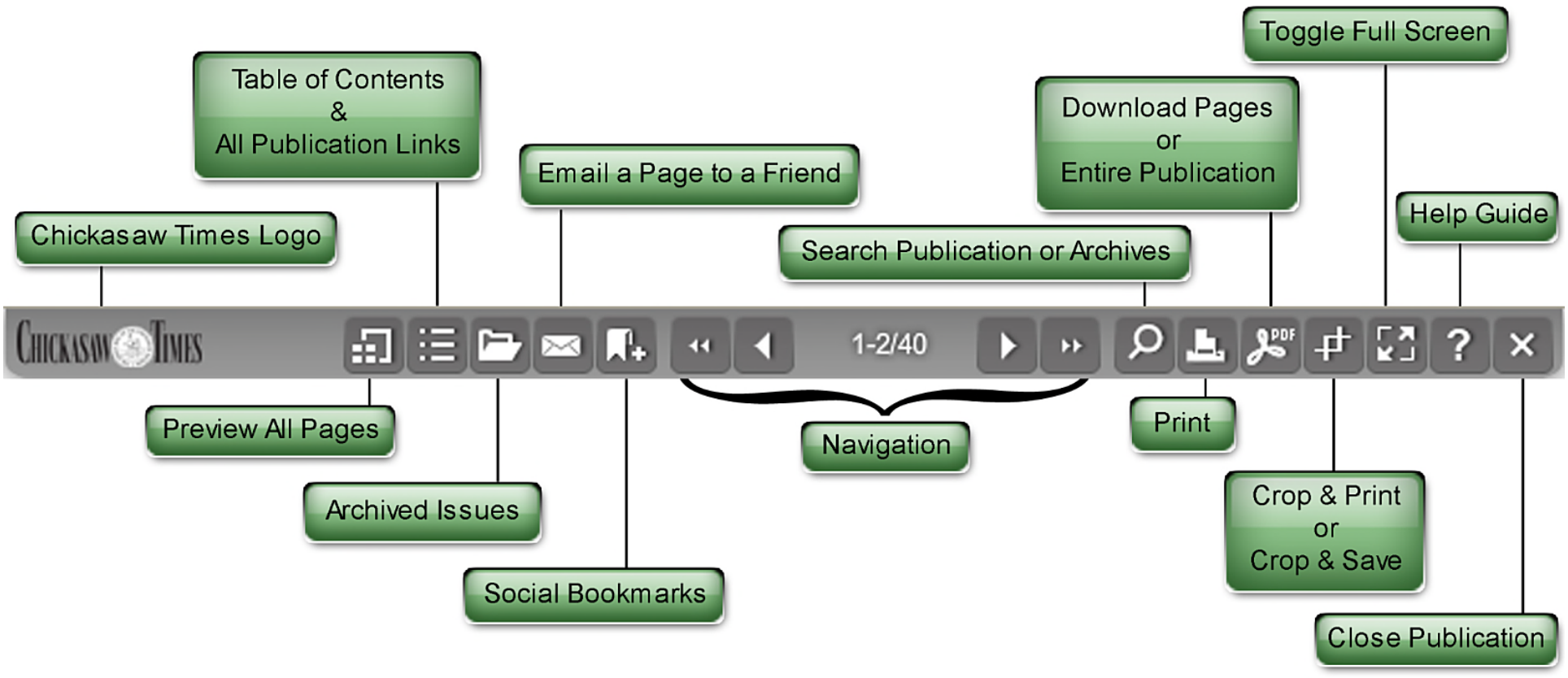

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'State of the Chickasaw Nation is strong'

Tribal economy driving gains

Gov. Bill Anoatubby makes a point during the October 2 State of the Nation address. The tribe remains strong, Gov. Anoatubby said, and was achieving business growth despite the country's economic doldrums.

Following is the text of the State of the Nation address delivered by Gov. Bill Anoatubby during the 50th Annual Meeting, October 2, 2010.

Good morning!

Greetings and welcome to this 50th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation. Thanks to President Noble Jobe and Mayor Lewis Parkhill. We appreciate your hospitality and the great partnerships with Murray State College and the City of Tishomingo.

You may have noticed a book in your bag today when you registered. It is a wonderful book of history and pictures from the last 50 years. We hope you enjoy this keepsake of memories, photos and short stories.

We have had quite a week! On Monday, almost 1,000 people attended the Chickasaw Cultural Evening. The event made for an enjoyable evening and the weather was great. I think everyone had a wonderful time at our new Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Congratulations and best wishes to our Chickasaw Royalty 2010-2011. On Tuesday evening during the Annual Princess Pageant Sesiley Robertson was named Miss Chickasaw; Taloa Underwood Junior Miss Chickasaw; and Maegan Carney Little Miss Chickasaw.

On Thursday night we enjoyed the annual Arts and Culture Awards. Mildred Blackmon was named Dynamic Woman of the Year, and Catherine Will-

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Artist's rendering of the Artesian Hotel. Ground was broken on the tribal project Oct. 14 in Sulphur, Okla.

Artesian Hotel project promises complement to Cultural Center

SULPHUR, Okla. – Hundreds of Chickasaw Nation officials, citizens and local residents gathered Thursday, Oct. 14 at the intersection of State Highway 177 North and Muskogee to break ground on the new Artesian Hotel. Just one block from the entrance to the historic Chickasaw Nation Recreation Area, the hotel is one of the most unique and striking projects being undertaken by the Chickasaw Nation.

The Artesian will bear a striking resemblance to the historic landmark which drew many famous visitors to downtown Sulphur for more than five decades. However, the new hotel will be a state-of-the-art facility with up-to-date, modern amenities.

"Our investment in the Artesian is a vital part of our effort to promote continued tourism growth in southern Oklahoma," said Governor Bill

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Special election called for Pontotoc District

Governor Bill Anoatubby has called a special election to fill the unexpired term of Pontotoc District, Seat 1 tribal legislator Holly Easterling.

Ms. Easterling, chairperson of the Chickasaw Nation Legislature, resigned effective Oct. 14, 2010. Her term extends through Sept. 30, 2012.

Mrs. Easterling, a certified public accountant, has accepted a job with the tribe. She will serve as administrator of the newly-created Division of Planning and Organizational Development.

Candidate filing for the special election ended Oct. 29. All Pontotoc District voters were alerted to the filing period by a mailing from

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Anoatubby. "This hotel will be a natural complement to the Chickasaw Cultural Center and may help usher in a new era of tourism in this part of the state. We believe this investment will benefit the local and state economy far into the future."

Designed by Richard Brown Associates, the Artesian will have 81 guest rooms and will include an indoor/outdoor pool, retail space, restaurant, exercise room and a banquet room which will seat more than 250 people.

The banquet room will be reminiscent of the original Artesian Ballroom, which served as the site for countless dinners, proms, and receptions for guests that included Oklahoma Gov. Roy Turner and Western film star John Wayne.

An indoor spa will utilize the same artesian well water that made the original hotel famous. The spa design incorporates significant natural elements including water, wood and rock features and will offer services for all ages, including children.

Storied Past

Constructed in 1906 of enameled and pressed bricks from the old Bland Hotel, the Artesian was described as the "Citadel of Frontier Gentility" in grand opening advertisements. The five-story hotel included furnishings built for the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair.

During construction, the builders, J.M. Bayless and C. J. Webster, decided to change the name from the New Windsor to the Artesian after striking a large well on the property.

The Artesian had one of the largest hotel lobbies in the west in that era, complete with marble floors and mosaic tile. Massive columns greeted the thousands of guests who stayed at the hotel during its 56-years history. Early guests of the hotel include Carrie Nation, William Howard Taft, and William "Alfalfa Bill" Murray.

The hotel also served as the summer home of Oklahoma's first governor, Charles Haskell.

By the 1940s, the Artesian Bath House was in full operation.

"Many of those who are interested in the history and culture of the Chickasaw Nation may also be interested in Oklahoma history," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Having the Artesian in close proximity to the Chickasaw Cultural Center will enable those individuals to expand their experience to include both Chickasaw culture and Oklahoma history."

Long-time Sulphur resident Billie Holdridge, 87, remembers the glory days of the historic hotel.

The original Artesian Hotel in Sulphur, Okla., circa 1930.

"In its heyday it was the place to go in the whole state," she said . "I met John Wayne at the Artesian and danced with him."

Mrs. Holdridge's aunt, a nurse, managed the Bath House for many years and lived at the hotel.

In the lobby, waiters carried starched white towels across their arms and a shoe shine boy was always on duty.

"The dining room was always immaculately clean and the floors were absolutely beautiful," Mrs. Holdridge said.

A bell boy ran the elevator, the only one in town.

The Artesian was also the place the Sulphur High School Promenade began in 1955, which is still a Sulphur High School tradition today.

Many local residents agree the hotel was the social epicenter of the town, a place where seniors would gather for coffee, high school students would have proms, and civic groups would meet.

On the south porch of the hotel, men propped their feet up on a brass rail as they sat

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Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby, ninth from right, is joined by Chickasaw Nation, state and local officials in breaking ground for the new Artesian Hotel in Sulphur, Thursday, Oct. 14. The new hotel's design will pay homage to the original Artesian Hotel, which was built on the same corner in 1904 and attracted thousands of guests in its 56-year history. Joining in with the ground breaking are, from left, Chickasaw Nation Chief Justice Cheri Gordon, tribal legislators Connie Barker and Linda Briggs, tribal administrator Lona Barrick, tribal legislator Shana Tate Hammond, tribal administrator Bill Lance, former tribal legislator Wanda Scott, tribal Supreme Court Justice Barbara Smith, tribal administrators Robyn Elliott and Wayne Scribner, architect Fred Schmidt, tribal legislator Mary Jo Green, Timberlake Construction official David Timberlake, tribal legislator Dean McManus, architect Richard Brown, tribal legislator David Woerz, U.S. Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.), tribal legislator Katie Case, Murray County Commissioner Darryl Hudson, tribal legislator Beth Alexander, State Rep. Wes Hilliard, Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, Gov. Anoatubby, Murray County Commissioner Billy Frank Lance, tribal legislator Tim Colbert, Murray County Commissioner Jim Britt, tribal legislator Steven Woods, tribal legislators Nancy Elliott, Holly Easterling and Scott Colbert, and tribal district judge Aaron Duck.

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Recalling our warrior tradition appropriate on Veterans Day

GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor, the Chickasaw Nation

Two dates important to Indians, and all Americans, occur in November.

Americans, and people around the world, will remember and honor our veterans on November 11, Veterans Day. Originally called Armistice Day or Remembrance Day, November 11 was designated in 1919 by President Woodrow Wilson as the day we honor our veterans. The date coincided with the Nov. 11, 1918 Armistice that ended World War I.

In November we also celebrate our culture during National American Indian Heritage Month. This recognition was established in November 2001 by President George W. Bush.

We celebrate our Indian heritage and also honor our veterans during November.

Indian people have historically participated in the American military at much higher levels than other groups in our society.

Indian warriors were, of course, a very important part of the American Revolutionary War, the War of 1812 and the War Between the States (Civil War). In the days of the American Revolution, Indian brigades were vital to the success of the new country and the established Indian nations were recognized for their significance, and their sovereign status, specifically in the U.S. Constitution.

With the outbreak of World War I and America's entrance into the war in 1917, thousands of Indians volunteered for duty. Remember, this was in the days before many Indian people were even granted citizenship in the U.S. It is estimated over 12,000 Indian soldiers served in World War I, a huge number given the very small total Indian population at that time.

Over 600 Oklahoma Indians served with the 142nd Infantry, 36th National Guard Division in France. The men saw heavy combat and were celebrated for their "enthusiasm for the battle." Four Indian men received France's highest military honor, the Croix de Guerre.

In World War II, Indians once again served in high numbers. Over 44,000 Indians out of a total population of about 350,000 served. And this time, Indian women were serving as well. A number of female Chickasaw veterans of World War II served with great distinction.

Indian men and women served with honor in Korea and Vietnam, and it should be noted that over 90 percent of those Indian veterans were volunteers.

Our warrior tradition is an important part of our history, our heritage. Indian nations had to develop strong defenses in order to protect their homes, their people and their lands. The warrior ethos is deeply ingrained in our people, and that attribute has served our country very, very well.

It is estimated there are approximately 190,000 living Indian veterans. During this Veterans Day, and this National American Indian Heritage Month, it is fitting we honor our veterans, and our cherished heritage that is such an important part of our survival, and our success.

In President Bush's proclamation designating November National American Indian Heritage Month, he noted that the American Founding Fathers has chosen "E Pluribus Unum" the new country's national motto. This well-known Latin phrase means "Out of Many, One."

We are rightly proud of our heritage and our history as Chickasaws, and as Americans. Indian men and women have been highly prized in the military for their dedication, loyalty and "enthusiasm for the battle." We remember those veterans who have served, and have died. And we honor our living veterans who are a testament to service and love of country.

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in rocking chairs and drank coffee.

A part of the town died that cold winter night when the Artesian burned, said Sulphur resident Iwana Crowe, who worked at the hotel.

"Half the town was there watching (in the early morning hours) when the Artesian burned. I just cried. It was so tall you could see it from all over. It was just a big loss.

"The hotel was just something that was really missed; it was a big part of Sulphur."

Mrs. Holdridge saw the flames from her car window. "I went home and I couldn't sleep."

Like A Phoenix

Both Mrs. Crowe and Mrs. Holdridge said they were thrilled to see the Artesian Hotel return to its original grandeur.

"I am thrilled beyond words about the Chickasaw Nation's plans to re-build the hotel," Mrs. Holdridge said.

Mrs. Crowe said the hotel will be a nice complement to the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center, which is located on the west side of town.

"I think it is wonderful, I have been looking forward to it."

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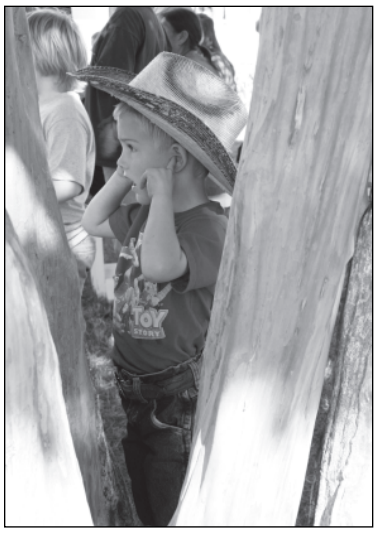
Kids and adults alike enjoyed horse-drawn buggy rides around the Chickasaw White House property during Harvest Fest.



Grant Parker, Ada, prepares for the Ada Free Rangers gun fight.

Beautiful weather, history draw visitors to Chickasaw White House Harvest Fest

EMET, Okla. - Nearly 400 people enjoyed the beautiful weather and history during the Chickasaw White House's Harvest Fest in October.

Harvest Fest activities reflected the lifestyle of Chickasaw Governor Douglas Johnston and his family during the early 1900s.

Western acting group The Ada Free Rangers presented two performances while chuck wagon snacks and lunch were served from Dutch ovens.

For the Barry family from Tishomingo, Harvest Fest was a good opportunity to visit the White House for the first time.

"We've always wanted to come out to the (Chickasaw) White House, mom Connie said. "It's such a great atmosphere for this event… a great way to spend a Saturday."

Sara Barry, a third grader, enjoyed the craft table.

"I liked getting to make the bird feeder out of peanut butter and a pine cone," she said. The Chickasaw White House is 10 miles east of Tishomingo at 6379 Mansion Road in Emet, Okla.

For more information, contact the Department of Museums and Historic Sites at (580) 371-9835.

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Hayaka Unta Fall Camp

Chickasaw kids learn historic outdoor skills

DAVIS, Okla. - Beautiful fall weather greeted 17 Chickasaw families as they spent a weekend camping at Hayaka Unta Fall Camp, Oct. 15-17 at Chickasaw Ranch near Davis.

Hayaka Unta ("to stay in the wilderness") is a unique camp which gives Chickasaw youth and their parents or guardians an opportunity to tent camp and try many new activities, such as fishing and bow making.

The camp also includes educational seminars, such as fishing and bow making.

Most campers, young and old, said it's the laid-back, relaxed atmosphere of the camp they most enjoy. Bow shooting came in a close second.

Campers have the option to participate in several activities, or they can just hang out by the campfire.

Nine-year-old camper Macen Marrish, of Madill, said his favorite thing about camp "was shooting bows and sitting around the camp fire and making s'mores."

Fisher VanBurskirk, 13, Ada, said he enjoyed staying the night in the tent, the most.

Logan Jarrett, 10, of Ada attended Hayaka Unta again this year to be able to shoot the bows and participate in skeet shooting, a sport he enjoys.

Jason Morgan, 11, Ada, said camping and spending time with his dad was a highlight of the camp.

"I also like seeing friends and making new friends," said Jason.

A hayride, pulled by a pair of Belgium mares, was provided by Bill McGehee, of Stonewall.

Blake Smith, 14, Noble, said he enjoyed the hayride around the ranch and watching the bow making the most. He later won the bow, which was handmade by Glen Leming, of Sulphur.

Blake's brother, Kyle Smith, 11, said he enjoyed playing the games, like stickball, at camp.

Campers started the day Saturday with a fishing and survival seminar. Other activities included; making dream catchers, target shooting, exploring and hiking.

Campers were also treated to some great campfire songs and cowboy ballads, led by ranch operations manager Gary Pratt, who is also a well-known cowboy singer and songwriter.

Hayaka Unta is offered in the spring and fall at no charge to Chickasaw families. Proceeds from Chickasaw Nation businesses fund the camp.

For more information, contact Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Division, Youth Services Department at (580) 310-6620, or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Rylee McGehee practices roping skills at Hayaka Unta Fall Camp.

Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Camps Coordinator Colt Digby helps Logan Jarrett learn how to aim a rifle during skeet shooting at Hayaka Unta.

Chickasaw authors, storyteller participate in inaugural 5 Tribes Story Conference

MUSKOGEE, Okla. - Chickasaw authors Linda Hogan and Dr. Phillip Morgan joined tribal storyteller Lorie Robins to represent the Chickasaw Nation at the first ever 5 Tribes Story Conference last month at Bacone College.

More than 250 participants from nine states convened to hear renowned storytellers from the Five Civilized Tribes and to discuss issues surrounding storytelling.

Linda Hogan joined Diane Glancy (Cherokee) and Stella Long (Choctaw) in on a panel to discuss storytelling approaches to topics like boarding schools, Removal and land thefts.

Lorie Robins has been a Chickasaw storyteller for more than ten years. She said that while it might be tough to present these events, tackling them is worth it even if one person learned something that they hadn't previously known.

"I learned that it's okay and even beneficial to go ahead and talk about the controversial issues," she said. "It's hard to hear sometimes, but it's still a part of our culture and people need to know."

Choctaw storyteller Tim Tingle, who served as moderator for the discussion, said that he's even had people walk out when he discussed the Trail of Tears.

"I've learned better ways to convey these parts of Native American history," he said. He now tells the story from the point of view of an eight-year-old boy.

"No one has ever walked out on that one," he said.

Other topics covered included how storytelling preserves Native culture, how oral tradition influences contemporary Native fiction and the effect of storytelling on language preservation. Dr. Morgan also led a writer's workshop detailing the process that brings the oral tradition to paper.

For more information on the conference, visit www.fivetribestory.org.

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Justice Colbert; Legislators Alexander, Colbert, Green, Briggs sworn in

Chickasaw Nation elected officials take oath of office

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, far right, and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, far left, with, from left, tribal Supreme Court Justice Mark Colbert, and tribal legislators Beth Alexander, Timothy K. Colbert, Mary Jo Green and Linda Briggs at the Oath of Office ceremony Oct. 1 in Ada.

ADA, Okla. - Four Chickasaw legislators and one tribal Supreme Court Justice were sworn into office Thursday, Oct. 1 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center.

Legislators Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs, Timothy K. Colbert and Beth Alexander took the oath of office. Supreme Court Justice Mark Holmes Colbert was also sworn into office during the ceremony.

Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Chief Justice Barbara Smith administered the oath.

Mrs. Green, of Ada, represents Pontotoc District, Seat 5. She was re-elected the during the July 27 primary election.

Mrs. Briggs, of Marietta, retained Pickens District, Seat 3 during the summer election.

Tishomingo District, Seat 2 incumbent legislator Timothy K. Colbert, of Sulphur, was re-elected without opposition.

Panola District, Seat 1 incumbent Beth Alexander, of Achille, was reelected in an August runoff election.

Justice Colbert, of Ardmore, was also re-elected in the July 2010 elections.

Each legislator is elected to a three-year term. Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Justices also serve three-year terms.

The Chickasaw Nation Legislature is comprised of 13 members, elected from the Chickasaw Nation's four legislative districts: Panola, Pickens, Pontotoc and Tishomingo.

Chickasaw Supreme Court Justices are elected by voters from all districts.

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the tribal election secretary.

Candidates must file in the election secretary's office, located in the Government Services building, 2015 Lonnie Abbott Industrial Boulevard, Ada, OK. Filing fees are $500.

Legislative candidates must be registered Chickasaw voters at least 25 years of age. Legislative candidates must also be residents of the Chickasaw Nation for at least one year and of their respective district for at least six months immediately preceding the election

Legislators must remain residents of their elected district during the tenure of their office.

Voter registration will close November 15.

Ballots will be mailed to qualified voters November 22, 2010.

Ballots must be returned by mail to the election secretary's office by 10:30 a.m. December 7.

For more information, call Chickasaw Nation Election Secretary Rita Loder at 1-888-661-0137.

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THE CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL ELECTION 2010 SPECIAL ELECTION SCHEDULE

October 18: Mail Special Notice Postcard (Pontotoc District)

October 27-29: Candidate filing period (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)

(Candidates is to bring photo & biography the day they file for office)

November 2: Challenge to Candidacy ends at 5 p.m.

November 3: Drawing for position on the ballot (11a.m. at the Election Secretary's office)

Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's.

November 15: Voter registration closes.

November 16: After 12 p.m. candidates may pick up updated labels, printouts & CD's

November 22: Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

December 2: Last day to appoint a watcher.

December 7: 2010 Special Election

(last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)

Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.

Unofficial results posted immediately

Press Release made to public.

December 7: Voter registration re-opens, if no run-off election.

December 10: Recount period ends.

December 13: Oath of Office Ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

THE CHICKASAW NATION 2010 RUN-OFF SPECIAL ELECTION SCHEDULE (IF NEEDED)

December 13: Candidates may pick up labels, printouts, & CD's (after 12:00 p.m.)

December.20: Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

December 30: Last day to appoint a watcher for the run-off election.

January 4 : 2010 Run-Off Election (last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)

Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.

Unofficial results posted immediately

Press Release made to public.

Voter registration re-opens

January 7: Recount period ends.

January 10 : Oath of Office ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

Citizen ties mother's art back to 1907 World's Fair

This month's Panola District spotlight will strike a chord with many of you. Recently, I visited with Martha Jones Sullivan of Durant, Oklahoma. Martha is the youngest of 5 siblings born to Cora Maude Archerd and Fred Jones. She was born and raised on the family's allotment land just east of Madill, Oklahoma. Martha was employed at Perrin Field for 13 years and later worked in Bokchito, Oklahoma as a rural carrier for 15 years. She and her late husband have 2 sons and 2 granddaughters. Some of her favorite activities are playing bridge, duplicate, visiting with friends and taking an occasional chance at the casino. Recently, she won a jackpot! She is known around the Durant community for her homemade yeast and cinnamon rolls.

BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Her mother, Cora Maude Archerd, attended both Bloomfield Academy and Carter Seminary. While at Bloomfield, she developed her skills as an artist. One of Cora's pastels was chosen to be placed on exhibit at the 1907 Chicago World's Fair. Many of her framed painting and pastels are proudly on display at Martha's home residence. These works of art are over 100 years old.

I look forward to hearing from those of you who also had relatives that attended the Bloomfield Academy. Oh by the way, I will be back at Martha's for lessons on how to make her famous cinnamon rolls and yeast rolls. I'll let you know how they turn out!

Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. I Peter 4:8

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Cora Maude Archerd

Martha Sullivan with her mother's pastel painting that was displayed at the 1907 Chicago World's fair.

Participate in government by registering and voting

Hello Everybody,

Hey! We're getting a bonus opportunity to participate in our tribal government!

A special election has been called to fill the remainder of Holly Easterling's term.

Holly resigned, effective October 14, to take a position with the tribe.

Her resignation leaves vacant Pontotoc Legislative District Seat 1.

Candidate filing for the special election will be 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27 through Friday, Oct. 29.

Candidates must file in election secretary, Rita Loder's office located in the Government Services building at 2015 Lonnie Abbott Industrial Boulevard, in Ada.

KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

It costs $500 to file.

To be eligible to run for legislative office, candidates must be registered Chickasaw voters at least 25 years of age, have resided within the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation for at least one year and in their respective district for at least six months immediately preceding the election.

If you are already registered to vote, get ready to do so!

If you are not registered to vote, there is time to get registered!

Voter registration does not close until November 15.

Ballots will be mailed out on November 22 and must be returned by mail to the Ada Post Office by 10:30 a.m. December 7.

To get registered for the first time or to make sure you are registered, call Election Secretary Rita Loder at 1-888-661-0137.

This is an exciting and great opportunity to choose a representative for the people.

Let's get ready to vote!

Respectfully,

Katie

Court Advocates now available in Ardmore, Ada and Purcell

Court Advocate Services are now available in Ardmore, Ada, and Purcell to assist Native Americans with legal problems.

To make an appointment call 1-800-479-1459.

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Panola	1,759	Pontotoc	11,478
Pickens	7,311	Tishomingo	5,117
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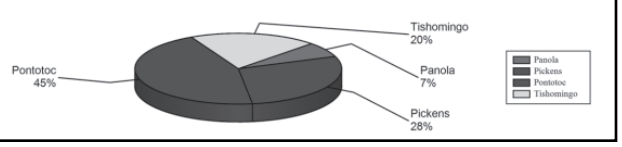

Many people dedicating themselves to our tribe

Hi Everyone,

October was such a great month. It began with our Annual Meeting in Tishomingo. It was great to see so many of you and renew old friendships. We heard that the State of our Nation is strong.

The entire week of Annual Meeting was filled with activities, including the Princess Pageant, where Sesiley Robertson, Taloa Underwood, and Maegan Carney were chosen as Princess, Jr. Miss, and Little Miss Chickasaw, respectively. Congratulations to these girls. I know you will serve the Chickasaw Nation well during your reign. The Arts and Culture Awards were held at Murray State College, where Indian Health advocate, Millie Blackmon, was selected as the Dynamic Woman of 2010, and Catherine Wilmond received the Silver Feather Award for her work in the preservation of the Chickasaw language. Congratulations to both of you.

NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

The Chickasaw Nation is truly blessed to have so many fantastic people dedicating their lives to make a difference in the lives of others.

In October, our new fiscal year began. In the Legislature, we sadly said good-bye to Holly Easterling, who will be taking on new responsibilities within the Nation. We also elected a new Chairperson, David Woerz, Pickens District Legislator, and a new Secretary, Dean McManus, Pontotoc District Legislator.

Another great event that occurred this month was the groundbreaking for the Artesian Hotel and Spa in Sulphur, Oklahoma. In approximately two years, the beautiful Artesian Hotel will be standing in the exact location as the original Artesian, which was built in 1906. Many of you may remember the first Artesian Hotel during its heyday. I was amazed to see how similar this brand new version will be to the original.

The new hotel will not only be luxurious but will also have a spa, which will incorporate the natural artesian springs for which the original hotel became famous. It will be absolutely grand and something of which we will all be proud.

October is probably the nicest month in the Chickasaw Nation, as the hot summer comes to an end, the leaves start to turn and the days get cooler. I hope you had a great month.

We have much for which to be thankful. Our new Chickasaw Nation Medical System is meeting the health needs of many of our citizens. Our new Chickasaw Cultural Center has had over 14,000 guests since its opening just a few months ago. Our Nation is strong because our people are strong. Have a Happy Thanksgiving! Please let me know how I can serve you.

Sincerely yours,
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Enrollment climbs across Ed programs

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. It is beautiful with the Fall colors here in Oklahoma. We are very busy with our year-end/beginning items. Each year at our first session in October, we elect a Chairperson and Secretary to serve for that fiscal year. This year we elected David Woerz of Pickens District as Chairperson and Dean McManus of Pontotoc District as Secretary. Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, and Harold Stick, Sergeant-at-arms, were reappointed. The Chairperson has not yet issued his appointments of committees so I don't know yet where exactly I will serve. Nancy Elliott, Pontotoc District, is a recently-retired educator and I expect that she will be named the Committee Chair of the Education Committee. I will continue to write articles of general interest for *the Chickasaw Times*, regardless of what my new duties are.

MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

I attended the ground-breaking for the new Artesian Hotel in Sulphur. The drawings were beautiful and very reminiscent of the old Artesian Hotel that burned down many years ago. The new hotel will also contain mineral baths to continue that healing tradition. It will be a very good place for visitors to the Chickasaw Cultural Center, Chickasaw National Recreation area and the City of Sulphur to gather and stay. Officials from Sulphur, Davis, Oklahoma and Murray County also attended the ground-breaking, enjoyed a lunch and got a tour of the Cultural Center.

Enrollments are up in all phases of the Education network. The schools this week are on Fall break for a needed vacation or for teacher/parent conferences

Statistics for October are as follows: Head Start, 119 enrolled, 46% Chickasaw, 53% other Native American, 649 families were contacted by written or verbal methods; 296 students were served by Adult Education, 248 of those are Chickasaw and 45 are other Native Americans, 29 are new clients; Vocational rehabilitation served 242 clients including 146 Chickasaws, 12 total closures year-to-date.

In closing, I wish all of you a very good Thanksgiving with lots of family friends and food. Let us all give thanks for the past year to our Mighty God.

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.

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We can be thankful for our tribe and our many blessings

Chukma! Chin Chukma. I hope you had a fantastic Halloween and received all the candy you wanted.

I want to wish you the best Thanksgiving ever. We have so much to be thankful for because the Chickasaw Nation had a very productive year. Sometimes I think I need to pinch myself to believe we are really experiencing our dreams of long ago.

April 19 of this year we held the ribbon-cutting for our new Legislative Building. We are so proud of it. Each Legislator now has his/her own office. Please come by and see the building, and me, when you are in Ada.

DEAN MCMANUS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

On April 26 the Education Department held ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Science Technology Academy building. Can you imagine that we are teaching our kids to reach for the stars!

June 12 was the opening of our beautiful Chickasaw Cultural Center. The CCC has drawn thousands of visitors since it opened. I still have my handwritten notes from attending meetings years ago when the CCC was a dream of the future.

On September 13, we held a ribbon-cutting for our new South Central Oklahoma Radio Enterprises (SCORE) Center. SCORE now owns and operates 5 commercial radio stations which broadcast the best news and any kind of music you could ever want. the SCORE stations are operated by the Division of Commerce. Another station, KCNP, broadcasts news and information that is more cultural in nature. KCNP can be steamed from the internet or heard on 89.5 FM. KCNP is operated by Chickasaw Headquarters.

In my opinion, the accomplishment that tops all others this year is the opening of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada which began receiving patients on August 1. It is the largest, most modern and best equipped Indian health facility in the world. This remarkable facility will allow us to provide the highest quality health care for generations to come.

Thank you for allowing me to brag a little bit, But I am so proud of the Chickasaw Nation and so proud that I am Chickasaw. Serving the Chickasaw people as Legislator is truly a great honor for me!

Each October the Legislature elects officers for the new fiscal year. This year, the Legislature elected David Woerz, a very dedicated young man from Ardmore (Pickens District, as Chairperson. I was honored and privileged to be elected as Secretary for 2011. I promise to work very hard for you to continue the service programs.

Please contact me through dean.mcmanus@chickasaw.net or call me at 580.436.1460.

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Dean McManus, Pontotoc District Seat 4

Pickens legislator David Woerz elected legislative chairman

David Woerz

David Woerz, of Ardmore, was recently named chairman of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature for Fiscal Year 2011.

Mr. Woerz was elected chairman by the 13-member Legislature during its October session. The tribe's fiscal year began Oct. 1.

Mr. Woerz is the immediate past chairman of the legislature's land development committee.

As land chairman, he oversaw the approval of property acquisitions and development projects for the Chickasaw Nation.

"I am very blessed to be able to represent the Chickasaw people as the both the Pickens District representative and now the Chairman of the Chickasaw Legislature," Mr. Woerz said. "It is a great honor to be elected to this position by my peers. I will continue to work hard to make sure the legislators are well informed and equipped to make sound decisions."

Mr. Woerz was elected to a Pickens District legislative seat in 2006. He is currently serving his second term as a tribal representative.

Mr. Woerz is also active in his community serving on the Board of Directors of Mercy Memorial Hospital and as Trustee for the Ardmore Tourism Authority.

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Dean McManus elected legislative secretary

Dean McManus

Dean McManus, of Ada, was recently named secretary of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature for Fiscal Year 2011.

Mrs. McManus, a full-blood Chickasaw, was elected secretary by the 13-member Legislature during its October session. The tribe's fiscal year began Oct. 1.

"It is a great honor to be elected to this position by my peers," Mrs. McManus said. "I am blessed to represent the Chickasaw people."

Mrs. McManus was re-elected to Pontotoc District, Legislative, Seat 4 in 2008. She is currently serving her fourth term on the Chickasaw Legislature.

Mrs. McManus serves as the chairman of the legislature's Human Resource Committee. She has also served as Finance Committee chairman during her tenure.

Mrs. McManus began working with the Chickasaw Nation in 1975 as a Community Health Representative and served the Chickasaw people in various positions for more than 24 years.

She is also active in her community, serving on the several community-service boards and councils.

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'He is a strong little boy'

Chickasaw boy named Children's Hospital ambassador

WAGONER, Okla. - Kaleb Dorr wants to be a cowboy when he grows up.

A determined three-year-old Chickasaw boy, he will most likely fulfill any goal he sets in life.

Kaleb's determination stems from his fight for life.

He was born in 2007 in a Tulsa hospital with a genetic syndrome called Thrombocytopenia Absent Radius Syndrome. His body doesn't make blood platelets correctly and he has to receive blood transfusions. He was also born without his radius bones, the bone that runs from the elbow to thumb.

Kaleb Dorr "Superhero" poster kid for the Children's Hospital at St. Francis.

As a result, he spent his first 79 days in a hospital and has made several return trips to hospitals and clinics around the country for medical care.

His mother, Kimberly Dorr, said Kaleb's condition was a very rare genetic disorder and the family was aware he might have a problem before birth.

After many prenatal tests, the Dorrs were given several options of what Kaleb's condition could be.

"I researched ahead of time and prepared myself, Mrs. Dorr said.

"When he was born, I got to hold him about 45 minutes before they came and got him."

Since then, Kaleb has spent a total of 112 days in the hospital and has endured nine surgeries.

"He is a strong little boy," Mrs. Dorr said. "He rarely complains about going to the doctor, because he thinks it is a part of everyday life."

Kaleb has had several surgeries to correct the placement of his hands, and will continue to have corrective surgeries throughout his life.

Despite the rough start, Kaleb has become an ambassador for several medical facilities in the Tulsa area and nationwide, including the Shiner's Children's Hospital in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Last year, he was selected as one of the "superhero" poster kids for the Children's Hospital at St. Francis Hospital's annual "radiothon" fundraiser.

Dressed in a superman costume, his picture appeared on posters, flyers, mailers, and other promotional materials in the summer of 2009.

Soon after, the same photo was selected to appear in a full page advertisement for National Association of Children's Hospitals in Roll Call, a national publication. The advertisement encouraged lawmakers to consider children's health during health care reform.

The photo also appeared in the online weekly publication the same month.

The National Association of Children's Hospitals also plans to use the picture for awards to be given to outstanding Children's Hospitals all over the United States.

This past summer, Kaleb was also chosen as one of the poster children for the 30th Annual Bedouin Shriner's Muskogee, Okla. Basketball Classic.

He was featured on the front cover of the program and helped hand out awards to winning teams.

"It was fun handing out the awards," he said.

Meanwhile, Kaleb has started a preschool program at Wagoner, which he clearly enjoys.

He also loves anything to do with horses, including drawing them.

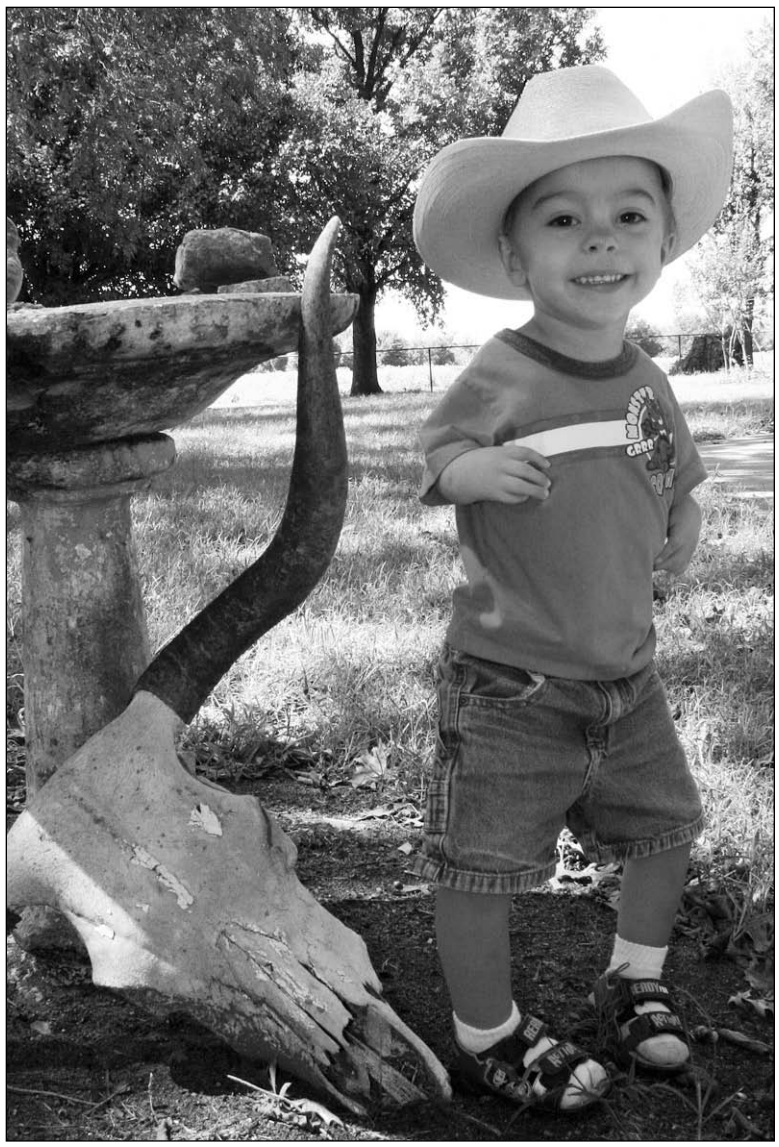
When asked how Chickasaw citizens could help enhance Kaleb's life, Mrs. Dorr simply requested blood donations.

"A blood donation in Kaleb's name to the Oklahoma Blood Institute would enable us to draw from his account when we need it," she said.

The blood does not have to be a certain type, since just the plasma is used.

"Everything helps," Mrs. Dorr said.

Kaleb lives in Wagoner with his mom, Kim, and dad, Dennis Jr. He has a half-brother, Bailey; and a big sister, Maci. His grandparents are Dennis and Denise Dorr, the late Mark and Nancy Hellinger. His great-grandparents are Margaret Goforth-Ralls and Louise Owens-Hellinger.



Kaleb Dorr at his home in Wagoner, Okla.

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THE CHICKASAW NATION is accepting applications for District Court Judge

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS OF JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

A judge shall be:

1. a member of the Chickasaw Nation,
2. actually domiciled within the territorial jurisdiction of the Chickasaw Nation,
3. an attorney, or
4. if a non attorney, one must meet all of the following qualifications:

a. lay advocate who has regularly practiced before the Court as a member of the Bar of the Court for a period of five years, and

b. an Indian graduate of an American Bar Association approved Law School, or a Paralegal program approved by the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court; and

c. have demonstrated moral integrity and fairness in his business, public and private life, and

d. have never been convicted of a felony, whether or not actually imprisoned, and have not been convicted of any offense, except traffic offense, and

e. be not less than twenty-five years of age, and

f. a member of the Chickasaw Nation and actually domiciled within the territorial jurisdiction of the Chickasaw Nation.

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Anoatubby to lead Division of Commerce health care diversification efforts

Chris Anoatubby

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce has recently named Chris Anoatubby Chief Medical Solutions Officer. Mr. Anoatubby has served as chief pharmacist for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health since 2001. He also served four years as the Division's staff pharmacist and hospital pharmacy supervisor.

As the medical solutions officer, Mr. Anoatubby will serve as the administrative leader for all pharmacy services within the Division of Commerce. He will participate in the development of business opportunities, reviewing proposals that complement the Division's diversification efforts in health care and pharmaceutical industries. His new management responsibilities also include analyzing industry trends and changes in the political and economic environment that might impact the tribe's plans for health care-related economic diversification efforts.

"We are pleased to promote Chris to this position as one of our Chief Officers for the Commerce Division," said Bill Lance, Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce administrator. "We have seen Chris assume increasing responsibilities throughout his career with the Health System and we are pleased he has chosen to use his knowledge and experience to assist our diversification efforts in several health care-related fields."

Mr. Anoatubby said he was excited by the opportunity to be a part of the Commerce Division's new diversification efforts within the health care industry.

"The Nation has an opportunity to leverage our unique position to cultivate new business ventures in the medical and pharmaceutical industries," he said. "There will be many opportunities for the Nation to develop and grow businesses in these areas and I look forward to leading these efforts."

Mr. Anoatubby received his bachelor's degree in Pharmacy from the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy and currently serves on the University's Admissions Committee. He also attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University and East Central University. In addition, he serves as adjunct faculty for the University of Oklahoma and Southwestern Oklahoma State University Colleges of Pharmacy. He is currently pursuing his master's degree in business administration at the John Massey School of Business, Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

In March 2007, Mr. Anoatubby was named Outstanding Young Pharmacist of the Year by the Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Services agency. He is a member of the American Society of Health System Pharmacists, and the American Pharmacists Association. He is also a current member of Leadership Oklahoma Class XXIV (24).

Mr. Anoatubby, 38 is the elder son of Gov. Bill and Janice Anoatubby Janice. Mr. Anoatubby and wife Becky live in Ada with their three children, Brendan, Eryn and Sydney.

The Commerce Division employs approximately 6,400 people who work in 56 economic development initiatives across Oklahoma and north Texas. These include two of Oklahoma's largest casinos – WinStar and Riverwind – hotels, restaurants, travel plazas, tobacco stores, technology and healthcare entities, a family entertainment center, chocolate factory, radio stations, and a newspaper.

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Easterling named leader of Planning and Organizational Development Division

Holly Easterling

Holly Easterling has recently been appointed Administrator of the Division of Planning and Organizational Development for the Chickasaw Nation.

Ms. Easterling is a graduate of Oklahoma State University and has more than 20 years of experience as a Certified Public Accountant.

"Ms. Easterling has an impressive record of service as a tribal legislator and as an employee," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "She has the experience, expertise and determination to successfully lead this effort."

Ms. Easterling said she was pleased she was chosen to lead the new division.

"The future of the Chickasaw Nation depends upon the prudent financial, organizational and strategic planning of today," she said. "I am fortunate to be able to work with the tribal leadership to build a bright and sustainable future for our tribe and its citizens."

Ms. Easterling has served in the Chickasaw Nation Legislature since 2003. Prior to her election to the legislature, she served as Chief Financial Officer for Chickasaw Enterprises for more than six years.

Ms. Easterling is the great-granddaughter of Palmer Simeon Mosely, 20th and 23rd governor of the Chickasaw Nation. She lives in Ada with her three children.

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'Cory's Hands of Hope' honors memory of Chickasaw man

Most people hope to be remembered in a positive way after they're gone. For Cory Patterson, simply being remembered was not enough.

In death, Cory's influence carries on a passion he held closely in life: helping others.

Two years after the tragic accident that took Cory's life, his church, Faith Temple in Duncan, Okla., established Cory's Hands of Hope in his memory.

The thrift store was founded on Cory's ideals of giving and his love of missions. Run by volunteers, the store reinvests 100% of the profits to help both locals in need and abroad through supporting the church's foreign missions.

At Cory's Hands of Hope, clothing, household items and other necessities are offered at a price point that is accessible to almost anyone. A men's suit is $3, a gas dryer is $30.

Gary Curtis, Faith Temple's Director of Missions, said creating the ministry in Cory's name only seemed natural.

"Cory was a fantastic young man," he said. "We wanted to honor Cory for his faithfulness.

"It's an honor for us to do this to signify his determination to do as Jesus says and 'love one another'."

Cory's mother, Dee Patterson, said Cory was passionate about helping others at an early age.

Cory Patterson

"He always said he wanted to buy me a house someday," she said. "He wanted to grow up and get a good job so he could do it."

"He wanted to make it so his father didn't have to work so hard," she said. "That's the kind of kid he was…I'm honored to be his mother."

She added that Cory was known for always asking "What can I do?" and never saying "no" when he was told.

Mrs. Patterson saw that desire grow as Cory got older and learned more about his church's mission work. Cory was unable to actually go on a mission trip, but he always supported his fellow congregation members through offerings, working the sound system during services and ministering to church youth.

Cory's mother can usually be found in the store. For her, being there is about more than simply volunteering for a good cause.

"I'm so proud of this place," she said. "It's overwhelming. I feel Cory here. Being here makes me feel close to him."

Mr. Curtis believes that Cory would be pleased with what has been done in his name.

"I can picture him looking down and smiling with tears in his eyes, not being able to say a thing."

Cory's Hands of Hope is open to everyone. Store hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact the Faith Temple Church at (580) 255-9232.

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Bellefeuille - Gordon elected Chief Justice of Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court

Supreme Court Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon

The Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Justices recently appointed Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon to serve as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Her term began Oct. 1.

Chief Justice Gordon, 41, will oversee all administrative responsibilities for the Supreme Court, District Court and Peacemaking Court through September 30, 2011.

This is her third term as Chief Justice.

Her first term was in 2003-04, when Gordon had the distinction of being the first woman Chief Justice in Chickasaw Nation, and was the presiding Chief Justice when the Chickasaw Nation District Court was re-established on Jan. 1, 2004.

In the role of Chief Justice, she will be responsible for reviewing and approving all court administrative documents.

Chief Justice Gordon, 41, was first elected to the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court in 2002.

She and her husband, Dan, have two sons, A.J., 2, and Noah, 13.

Her late mother, Donna, worked for the Chickasaw Nation almost 30 years. She also had one sister, Cris and has one brother, Chuck Bellefeuille.

Her grandparents are Ben and Viola Seeley and her great grandparents were original enrollees, Mamie Tushkatomby and Walter Seeley.

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Young pitcher credits grandfather

Dakota Ingram

A 17-year-old Chickasaw ballplayer has achieved a good degree of success thanks, she says, to her grandfather.

Dakota Ingram is a senior at Marietta (OK) High School. She plays fast-pitch softball for her high school team, and her grandfather, Jim Ingram, is her coach.

"Grandpa is the only coach I need," Dakota said.

As a senior, Dakota's team played well. The Lady Indians, playing with a combination of seasoned players and dedicated freshmen, went 8-1 in the Tishomingo summer league. The team won the Calera Tournament and Dakota was MVP.

Dakota pitched back-to-back shutouts and struck out 18 as Marietta claimed the district title over Kingston. In the regional championship, Dakota held Washington scoreless for six innings before Marietta dropped a 3-0 decision.

Marietta finished 25-8. Dakota pitched 178 innings in 32 games, registered 13 shutouts, 242 strikeouts, 52 walks and 120 hits allowed. She hit .450.

She credits her grandfather and his "backyard lessons" for her success.

"When Grandpa wasn't available to catch me, Grandma made me pitch into a blanket she would hang on the swing set," Dakota said.

Jim Ingram is a member of the American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame. He works for the Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation program.

"I've lived with my Grandma and Grandpa since I was two, and I love them so much," Dakota said. "I thank God for all the support, encouragement and opportunities they have given to me."

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Britton, Cindy, Haley and Bob Sperry, from left, at the road dedication honored their family member, Mitch Sperry.

Highway dedicated in honor of Chickasaw legislator Mitch Sperry

ARDMORE, Okla. - A Carter County highway has been dedicated to honor a late Chickasaw legislator and two other statesmen.

"Three Heroes Highway" was named in memory and honor of Chickasaw citizen Mitchell D. Sperry, Carter County Sheriff Harvey Burkhart and State Rep. Terry Hyman. All three men died unexpectedly in the past few years.

The dedication was Friday, Oct. 15 at the intersection of Scenic Highway 77 and Love County Road, south of Ardmore. Scenic Highway 77 leads into Lake Murray State Park.

Mr. Sperry, who served as state district attorney and Chickasaw tribal legislator, died in 2005 at the age of 45.

His father, Bob Sperry, said he was honored to have the road named in memory of his son.

Haley Sperry, daughter of the late statesmen, said her father called southern Oklahoma "God's Country."

"He would be so honored to have a road that leads into God's Country named after him, she said. "He loved Lake Murray and he loved living and working in this area."

The Sperry family was touched by the large turnout of family and friends to honor Mitch.

"Even though it's been almost five years, the support is just never-ending and it's just so nice to see it," said Haley, a University of Oklahoma senior.

The Sperrys also have a son, 10-year-old Britton.

Mr. Sperry's wife Cindy called the day "bittersweet."

"It stirs up a lot of emotions," she said.

Mr. Sperry was first elected in 1998 as district attorney for Oklahoma's District 20, which includes Carter, Love, Murray, Marshall and Johnston Counties. He served until the time of his death. In 2004 he was selected "District Attorney of the Year" in Oklahoma.

He was elected to represent the Pickens District in the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature in 2005.

State Representative Sam Buck presided over the road dedication, which included thoughts from family members of the three men.

All three men were praised for their humility, hard work and the determination to do what was right and fair for everyone.

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Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Area Office Director Randy Nesbitt, Chickasaw citizen Bob Sperry, and Chickasaw Tribal Legislature Chairman David Woerz, from left, at the highway dedication named in honor of Sperry's son, Mitch Sperry.

Chickasaw artist engages ancient forms of art

When Dustin Mater was three years old, he channeled his inclination to create art by drawing a snail on his mother's carpet.

But it wasn't until he was grown that he found exactly what he was supposed to do: make sure that the ancient cultural art forms of the Chickasaw people continued to be living, breathing things.

"These old ideas and art forms are still viable," he said. "I'm striving to make them contemporary, something for our people to look at and have pride in."

Mr. Mater was commissioned last year to produce illustrations and poster designs for the Chickasaw Nation's multi-media production "Lowak Shoppala'" (Fire and Light). Since then, he has been immersed in creating for his tribe.

"I'm forever grateful that they took a chance on me," Mr. Mater said.

He just wrapped up artwork for the "Lowak Shoppala'" spinoff publication "Spider Brings Fire," a collaboration between himself, Chickasaw Writer-In-Residence Linda Hogan and Composer-In-Residence Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate.

His latest project is a graphic novel that details the meeting of ancient Chickasaw people with Spanish conquistadors.

"All of this just clicked," he said. "I feel like I have found the perfect subject and audience for my work."

Prior to focusing on Chickasaw subject matter, Mr. Mater did varied freelance artwork, everything from creating posters for Trader Joe's to designing a CD cover for a hip hop group. He had only done one piece of artwork with a Native American theme.

Even though he was a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, he realized that he had a limited knowledge of the art of his people.

"There is so much more to it than wearing a ribbon shirt," he said.

So he began to research. Through this research, he experienced a sort of cultural rediscovery.

Dustin Mater

Mr. Mater said that learning more about his people's past has enriched and empowered his experience as a Chickasaw.

"I immediately thought 'this is what I'm supposed to be doing'," he said.

"I feel like I am a vector for something larger than myself," he said. "I'm a caretaker, it's flowing through me."

Mr. Mater hopes that his art can inspire young Chickasaws to explore their culture on a deeper level.

"This is their birthright," he said. "It belongs to them, I want them to feel a sense of pride and incorporate it into their everyday lives."

Mr. Mater lives in Dallas with his wife Titi and their daughter Sophie.

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Fiscal year-end delivers strong net income, asset growth

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending September 30, 2010

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $9.1 million for the month and $145.2 million year-to-date. Expenditures were $10.6 million for the month and $94.0 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for September totaled $77.9 million and $918.6 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $24.6 million for the month and $287.4 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $79.5 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At September 30, 2010, the tribal government funds had $115.9 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $18.3 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $185 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of September 30, 2010, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of $1.079 billion compared to $1.058 billion at July 31, 2010 or an increase of $21 million.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2010

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	7,316,571	918,663,409	925,979,980
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		137,888,933	(137,888,933)	-
Total funds available		145,205,504	780,774,476	925,979,980
Expenditures				
General government		8,139,279		8,139,279
Legislature		1,926,675		1,926,675
Judiciary		1,138,227		1,138,227
Education		19,922,403		19,922,403
Heritage Preservation		12,001,478		12,001,478
Health		16,244,218		16,244,218
Youth and Family Services		9,171,145		9,171,145
Nutrition Programs		4,864,027		4,864,027
Regulatory		6,974,569		6,974,569
Assistance Programs		13,630,697		13,630,697
Gaming expense			516,867,642	516,867,642
Other businesses' expense			184,333,555	184,333,555
Total expenditures		94,012,719	701,201,197	795,213,915
Increase in net assets		51,192,786	79,573,279	130,766,065
Beginning net assets		455,923,644	493,106,043	949,029,687
Ending net assets	$	507,116,429	572,679,322	1,079,795,751

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
September 30, 2010

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	115,954,542	185,620,296	301,574,838
Receivables		40,470,867	33,123,741	73,594,608
Inventory			5,332,970	5,332,970
Prepaid expenses			19,019,218	19,019,218
Other Assets			20,507,859	20,507,859
Fixed assets		350,930,146	501,179,108	852,109,254
Less payables		(239,126)	(192,103,871)	(192,342,997)
Net Assets	$	507,116,429	572,679,322	1,079,795,751

BIRTHDAY

Emily Kristine Crittenden

Emily Kristine Crittenden celebrated her second birthday Oct. 26, 2010. She is the daughter of Kelly and Jami Crittenden, of Sherman, Texas.

She is the granddaughter of Gary and Pauline Crittenden, of Ada, Okla., and Larry and Darlene Sumpter, of Borger, Texas.

She is the great-great-granddaughter of Rhoda Mae Kemp Huff, of original enrollee.

Bobbi Danielle Easley

Bobbi Danielle Easley celebrated her 21st birthday September 7, 2010 with family and friends.

Happy birthday Mommy!

Love,

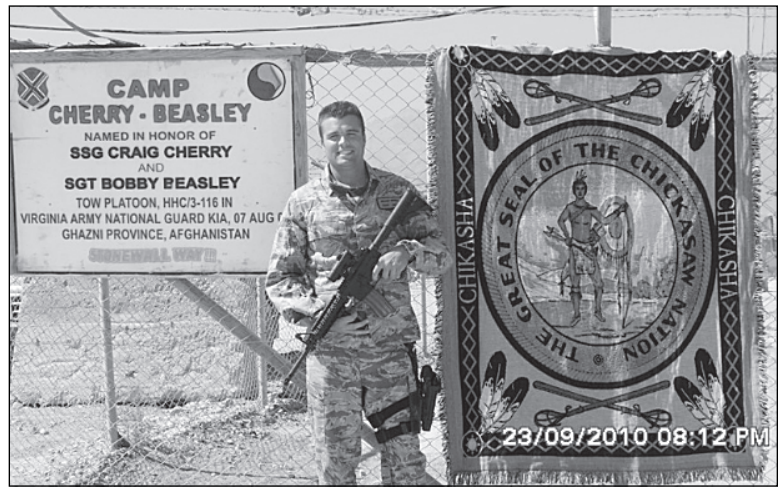
Diamond, Marquis and Kelvin

Ja'Nashia Washington

Ja'Nashia Washington will celebrate her eighth birthday November 25, 2010.

Ja'Nashia is the daughter of Mary Johnson and the granddaughter of Shirley Kelly.

She enjoys cheering, riding her bicycle and annoying Majavion. She also enjoys spending time with her big sister Amanda from the Big Brother/Sister program.



Staff Sgt. Brian Webb, USAF Reserve, a Chickasaw, stands next to an image of the Great Seal of the Chickasaw Nation. Sgt. Webb is currently serving in Afghanistan.

Chickasaw non-com serving second tour of duty in Middle East

Staff Sgt. Brian Webb, USAF Reserve, is a Chickasaw currently stationed at Bagram Air Base in northeastern Afghanistan. He is on his second tour after volunteering for his current six-month deployment.

Sgt. Webb is assigned to the 577th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron, which is encamped with Army troops. The unit completes large civil engineering projects at the forward operating bases. The forward bases can be primitive facilities and Sgt. Webb's unit is there to provide essential services and structures for the men and women.

Sgt. Webb is assigned to the 507th Civil Engineering Squadron at Tinker AFB. He is employed with the Chickasaw Nation as an electronic gaming technician in Newcastle, Okla.

Sgt. Webb and his wife Courtnie have a son, Brayden. Sgt. Webb is the son of Susan Webb and Anthony Webb, of Tishomingo, Okla., and the grandson of Gloria Webb and Dr. Floyd and Pat Webb, all of Tishomingo.

Juanita J. Keel Tate celebrates 100th

Juanita J. Keel Tate

Juanita J. Keel Tate and her family give thanks to Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel, representing the Chickasaw Nation, for giving recognition to her, our mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, aunt and cousin on the special event of her 100th birthday reception. The beautiful Chickasaw Pendleton blanket and the Chickasaw throw will be cherished by her.

The reception was conducted at the Northwest Baptist Church in Ardmore, Oklahoma, on September 5, 2010, preceding her birthday on September 10, 2010. Several hundred friends and relatives enjoyed the special event for the Chickasaw Hall of Famer.

Mrs. Tate sends her best wishes to all Chickasaws and rejoices in the great strides which have been made by the Chickasaw people under the leadership of the present executive offices, the tribal legislature and the judicial department.

Gov. James strikes hole-in-one at Lakewood Course

Overton James, Governor Emeritus of the Chickasaw Nation, recently aced the 140-yard, Number 2 hole at the Lakewood Golf Course in Ada.

This marks the seventh hole-in-one for the 85-year-old Gov. James. Playing with Governor James were James Kirkpatrick, Keith Hildreth, and Loy Kidwell.

Gov. James plays three times a week at Lakewood.

Allen sixth-grader pitching, playing first base for area softball teams

Abby Gaines

Allen, Okla., sixth grader Abby Gaines had a successful softball season.

Eleven-year-old Abby was a member of the Holdenville Thunder and also played summer league ball for the Byng Wildcats. She helped the Wildcats, coached by tribal Housing and Tribal Development employee Larry Smith, to a third-place finish in the Roff Fast-Pitch League, 10-and-under.

Abby then moved up to the 12-and-under Seminole Shockers of the Seminole Fall League. She had a great season and helped the Shockers to a 10-2 record.

Abby is of Chickasaw, Choctaw and Mississippi Choctaw descent.

Her parents are Wendall and Kim Gaines, of Allen.

Mrs. Gaines is an employee of the Division of Housing and Tribal Development Department of Administrative Services.

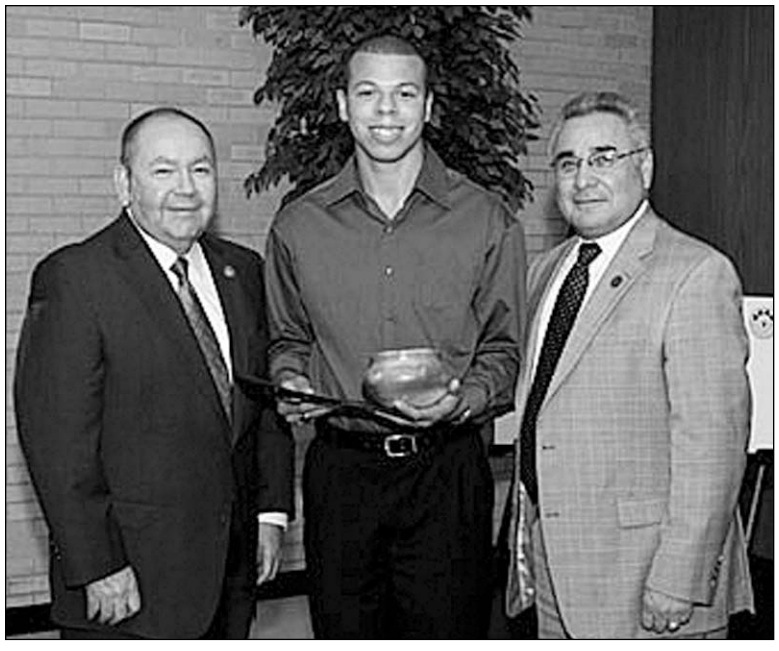
Connor Moll at the CN Festival 2010

Connor Moll, right, and his family recently visited the grounds of Murray State College while attending the 2010 Annual Meeting and Festival. Connor is the son of Lindsay and Doug Moll, Bartlesville, Okla. He is the grandson of Linda and Bobby Myers, of Roff, Okla. He is a direct descendant of Henry Truett, an original enrollee.

Help us update our military list!

The Chickasaw Nation is updating the military database for those on active duty and stationed away from home.

If you know of a Chickasaw in the service whom you would like to add to the list or update their address, please contact Joy Barrick in the Public Affairs Department at (580) 310-6451 or email joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.



Joe Thomas

Chickasaw writer recognized for article on pre-Removal Chickasaws

University of Oklahoma senior Joe Thomas, a Chickasaw, was recently awarded the 2010 Holisso Award for the Best Unpublished Manuscript during the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Culture Awards.

Mr. Thomas' winning article was "The Chickasaws Before Removal."

The article was selected for the honor during the annual Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival.

Mr. Thomas' article focused on the Chickasaws before they were removed to Oklahoma. The author explained how the people utilized the land, animals and the rivers of Mississippi to their full advantage to survive and thrive.

The article will be published in *the Journal of Chickasaw History and Culture* in 2011.

Along with the research award, Mr. Thomas recently completed a two-month internship with the Environmental Protection Agency. The internship was through Washington Internships for Native Students.

During his time in Washington, Mr. Thomas worked for EPA Tribal consultation Policy Advisor David Guest.

Mr. Thomas worked on revisions to the 1994 EPA Tribal Consultation Policy.

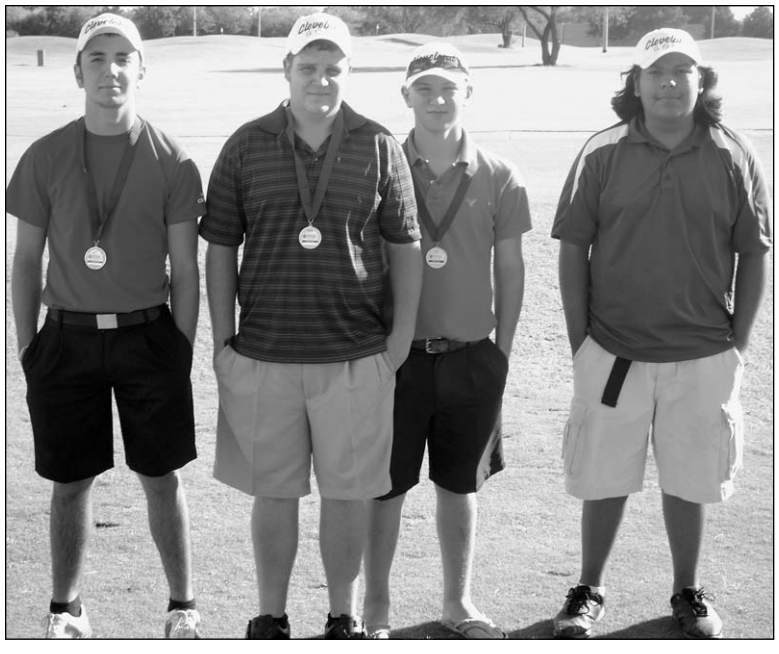
He also took two summer classes at American University while in Washington.

Mr. Thomas is the son of Billy Joe and Carrolen Thomas.

He is the grandson of the late Joe and Ona Thomas and Oliver and Hattie Mae Keel Chasteen.

Team Chickasaw Golfers

Team Chickasaw member Delaney Daniel placed first in the girls 14 and under group during a recent regional golf tournament, conducted Sept. 26 at Lake Park Executive Golf Course, in the Dallas, Texas area.



Team Chickasaw golfers, ages 14 and up, played well at the Sept .26 tournament the Lake Park Executive Golf Course in the Dallas, Texas area, from left, Tylor McCllom, placed second in the group, Abe Waller placed first, and third place went to Austin McNeill. Eric Fish also participated.

Young Chickasaw runners take part in 'Race for a Cure'

Karissa Wynne

Jimmy Wynne

Young Chickasaw runners Jimmy Tishomingo Wynne and Karissa Elle Wynne participated in the 2010 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in Oklahoma City on October 9.

Jimmy completed the 5k race under 25 minutes and Karissa was the first nine-year-old to finish with a sub-45 minute time.

The race marked Jimmy's third time running in the race, and it was Karissa's first race.

Jimmy is an eighth-grader at Bridge Creek (OK) Middle School and Karissa is a fourth-grader at Bridge Creek Elementary. Both students are members of the Chickasaw Honor Roll.

The siblings ran in celebration of their Aunt Lena Cancino, who is battling breast cancer, and their Aunt Loretta Vela, a breast cancer survivor.

They also ran in memory of their great-grandmother Lupe Contreras.

Jimmy and Karissa's parents are Jimmy and Jennifer Wynne, of Bridge Creek. Their sister is Vivien Wynne and their niece is Natalie Wynne.

Grandparents are Jimmy T. and Willie Juanita Wynne, of Stratford, Okla., and Jesse and Olivia Cancino, of Fort Worth, Texas.

Chickasaw girl on Lionette Drill Team

Victoria Harper

Victoria (Tori) Dyonne Harper, a Chickasaw, is serving her second year as a lieutenant on the Kaufman (TX) High School Drill Team.

Tori is a member of the National Honor Society and is active in school and church activities.

She is the daughter of Linda Harper. Her grandparents are Odie and Kay Dean.

She is the great-granddaughter of the late Emma Liddell Dean.

Her great-great-grandmother is original enrollee Minnie Keel Liddell.

Chickasaw boy tops in area PP&K

Cole Martin

Cole Martin, a Chickasaw boy from Davis, Okla., recently won the NFL Punt, Pass & Kick competition at Ardmore Regional Park.

Cole won in the 8-9 year age division.

He has qualified to compete in the sectional event in Oklahoma City.

Cole is one-eighth Chickasaw.

He is the son of Mike and Jerri (Digby) Martin. He is the grandson of Dean and Barbara Digby and the great-grandson of full-blood Chickasaw elder Irene Digby.

Governor Bill Anoatubby and wife, Janice Anoatubby.

Governor Emeritus Overton James.

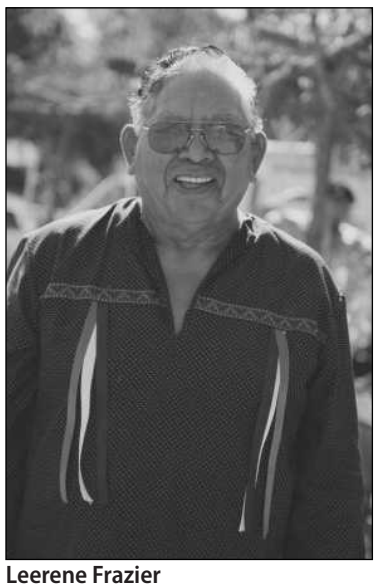
Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel and wife, Carol Keel.

2010-2011 Chickasaw Nation Royalty from left, Miss Chickasaw Sesiley Robertson, Little Miss Chickasaw Maegan Carney and Junior Miss Chickasaw Taloa Underwood.

Chickasaw Nation Legislators from left, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Scott Colbert and Tim Colbert.

Chickasaw Nation Legislators from left, Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs and Holly Easterling.

From left, Barbara Smith Supreme Court Judge, John Herrington, Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon, Supreme Court Chief Justice and Mark Colbert (front seat) Supreme Court Justice.



Leerene Frazier

Chickasaw Nation Legislators, from left, Connie Barker and Nancy Elliott and Steve Woods.

Chickasaw storyteller Lorie Robins helps a youngster with a bead project.

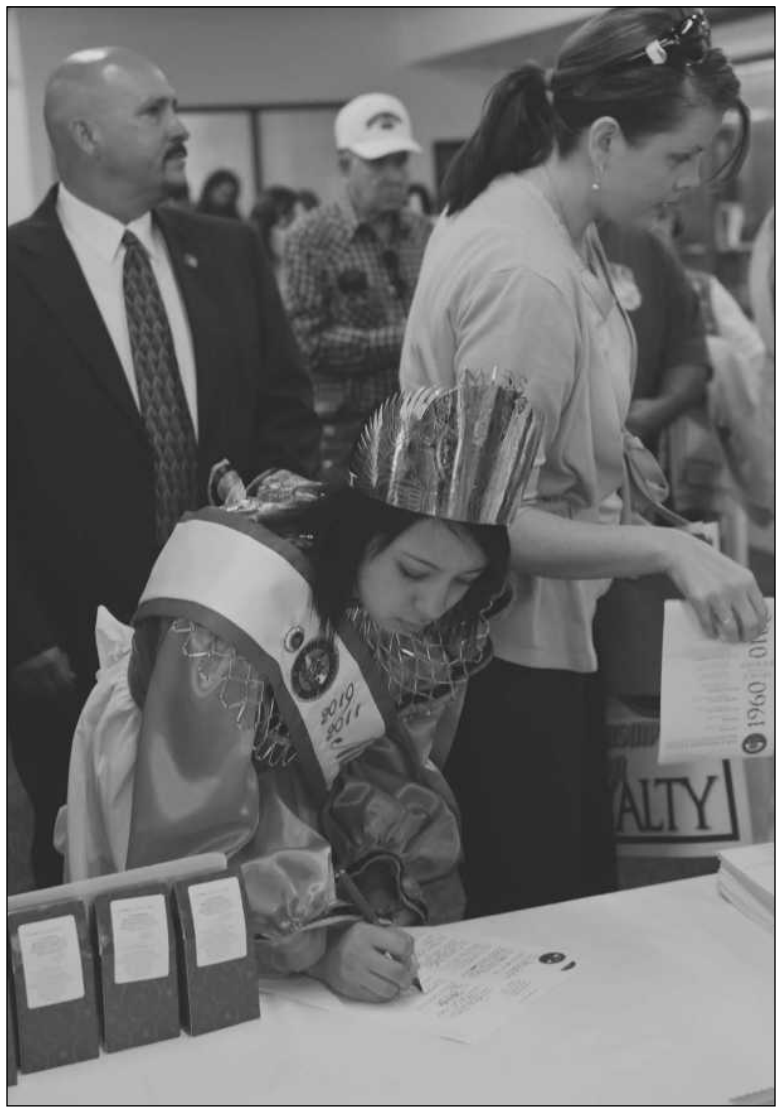
Charles Blackwood
Chickasaw Nation Ambassador

Southeastern artist Jerry Underwood, Chickasaw, show cases many of his works of art at the 2010 Annual Meeting and Festival.

School children enjoy a traditional game of stickball.

Southeastern artist Doris Davis, Chickasaw, works diligently to complete one of her many masterpieces.

Margaret Roach Wheeler
2010 Hall of Fame inductee



Miss Chickasaw Sesiley Robertson registers at the Annual Meeting and Festival.

Catherine Willmond
2010 Silver Feather Award Winner

Buster Smith and his daughter, Zhayna.

List of Participants for Jr. Olympics 2010

Ada
Devon Chapman
Caleb Cobb
Deland Cobb
Hunter Cornelius
Triniti Cotanny
Maycee Davis
Carson Dean
Jarrett Ellis
Darien Factor
KeKe Factor
Gabrielle Factor
Sheicona Filmore
Lanndon Fixico
Kandance Fox
Dancing Star Frazier
Geordana Frazier
Jalen Frazier
Little Sky Frazier
Daurias Gilmore
Kaden Gilmore
Nizhoni Gee Hicks
Huningbird -??
Rowdee Humphers
Chase Imotichey
Stacy Imotichey
Danya Impson
Jacoby Impson
Bryce Ireland
Tyler Ireland
Sarah Johnson
Alyse Keel-Glenwood
Avery Keel-Glenwood
Jacob Keel
Lindsey Keel-Hayes
Sarandyn Keel-Hayes
Dylan Kelso
Avery Logan
Bryce Matthews
Haven Mayfield
Gracie McAlister
Devon Monroe
Jolie Morgan
Kelsey Morgan
Lawson Morgan
Maylon Newton
Manny Padilla
Raphel Padilla
Myra Pittman
Nayukpa Ramsey
Ryler Rich
Butterfly Scott
Jacob Scott
Jason Scott
Cade Smith
Winter Stephens
Jordan Stick
Connor Williamson
Davion Wilson
Trey Wilson
Kanan Wisdom

Allen
Taylor Harrisso
Gage Jimboy
Tyler Rinehart
Chelsea Wedlow

Allen, TX
Audrey Hartley
Wyatt Hartley

Ardmore
Jackson Battles
Amari Booker
Crislyn Booker
Deon Booker
Naomi Day
Ethan Martinez
Samara Morgan
Alexus Palmer
Kenya Palmer
Maddison Steward

Byng
Alojhnna Imotichey
Lauren Wood
Rylen Wood

Coalgate
Tvli Birdshead
Jacee Traylor
Laren Traylor
Morgan Traylor
Talan Traylor

Davis
Raydyn Amos
Kiya McGaha
Kolton McGaha

Dickson
Keegan Johnsom

Henryetta
Alyssa King

Homer
Colton Howeth
Lydia Howeth
Sarah Johnson
McKenzie Loggins
Jacee Underwoo

Kingston
Kristen Harjo
Courtney Herrington
Kes Reeves
Kehly Riggs

Latta
Richie Brown
Kenley Canada
Kervan James
Faithlyn Seawright
Paige Young

Little Axe
Andrew Scott
Rachel Scott

Lone Grove
Daylon Lewis
Gavin Lewis
Alex Cardinale
Jake Factor
Kymberlee Peden

Madill
Delilah Garcia
Lance Garcia

Marietta
Silas Billy
Corbin Griffith

McAlester
Keaton Impson

Midwest City
Tricia Schrock

Mill Creek
Colton Johnson

Okemah
Dayna Harjochee
Tayah Harjochee

Pawnee
Jaisen Scott
Shyla Scott
Sonya Scott

Plainview
Rebekah Mose

Ravia
Darrison Byars
Jamis Byars
Terry Byars
Erica Portwood
Jake Valero
Kailey Valero
Jeremiah White

Roff
Sidney Wright

Stonewall
Cole Bradley
Trent Bradley

Sulphur
Casey Amos
Aden Carroll
Copper Cleburn
Garrett Trett
Teigen White
Cameron Williamson

Tishomingo
Echo Baken
Hannah Brokaw
Ashton Christie
Slyesis Christie
Whitney Christie
Maykayla Hitser
Kimi Sharp
Jonas Wade

Wapanucka
Cash Wafford

Unknown Schools
Ethan Carter
Jacob Carter
Kaylee Davis
Sydney Decker
Jayson Ellis
Landon Emerson
Jarin Factor
Kelsey Hamilton
Rance Imotichey
Gabrielle Padilla
Auslyn Potter
Nicholas Stephens
Nyah Stephens
Madison Wingard

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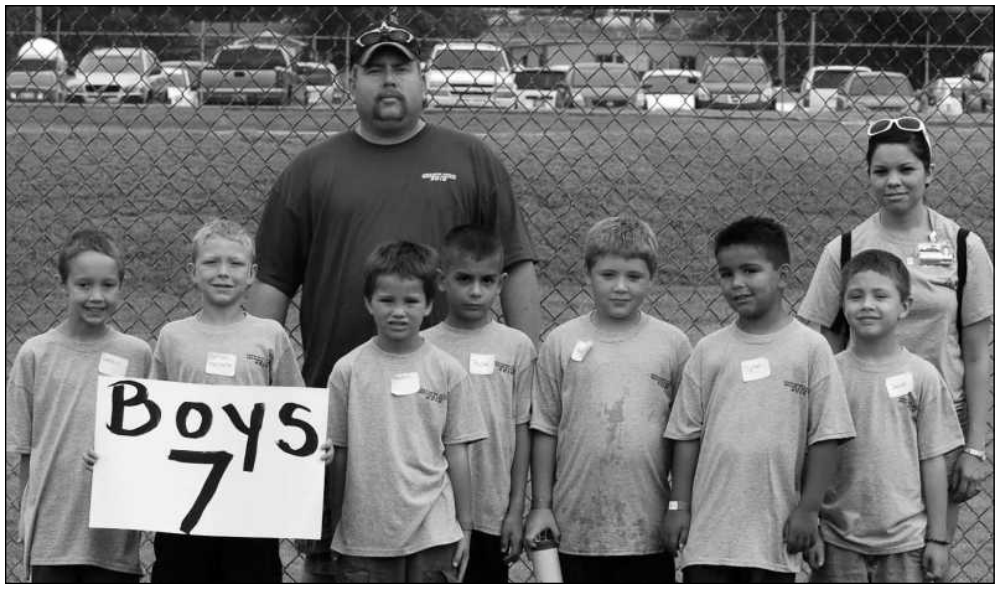
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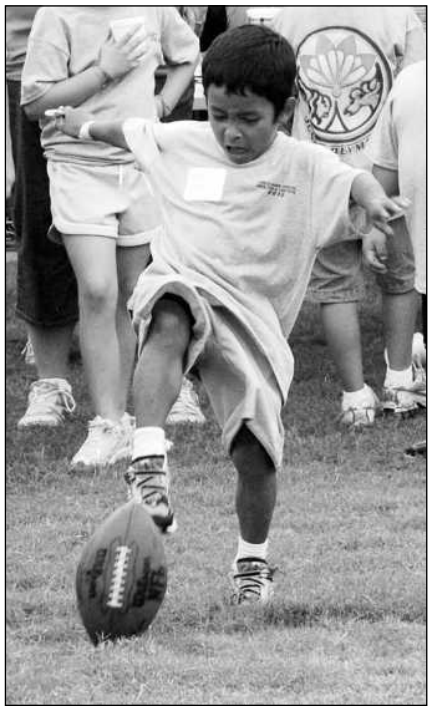

'Portraits,' 'Mahota Women'

Works of Chickasaw artists Larsen, Wheeler featured at Cultural Center

Works of two award-winning Chickasaw artists were showcased at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla., during the 50th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation and the 22nd Annual Chickasaw Festival.

Mike Larsen

Margaret Roach Wheeler

"Portraits of the Elders" by Mike Larsen and "Mahota Women Art/Designs" by Margaret Roach Wheeler were displayed Sept. 25 through Oct. 2 in the Center's Aatifama Room.

Second in the series, "Portraits of the Elders" commemorates 24 Chickasaw elders on canvas. The paintings, along with the elders' stories, are featured in "Proud to be Chickasaw," a new publication from Chickasaw Press. Mr. Larsen's first series of 24 paintings "They Know Who They Are" was commissioned by the Chickasaw Nation in 2004.

Mr. Larsen said it was important to "pay attention" to the values and experiences of the elders.

"That's something we tend to overlook in this day and age," he said.

Mr. Larsen and his wife, Martha, spent numerous hours interviewing and sketching each of the elders portrayed.

Named "Oklahoman of the Year" by the official state magazine, *Oklahoma Today* in December 2006, Mr. Larsen is the creator of "Flight of Spirit," a 26-foot mural of five world-famous Native American ballerinas, displayed at the Oklahoma State Capitol Rotunda. Also hanging in the State Capitol is his breathtaking landscape featuring the sun-drenched Cimarron River, which was chosen in 2006 as the image for Oklahoma's Centennial postage stamp.

"Mahota Women Art/Designs" portrays "what the Chickasaw Indian tribe would be wearing from 1000 A.D. up to 1900s," Mrs. Wheeler said.

"It's mainly the history," she said. "When I am talking to people I am finding that they are just blown away of the history that is here.

Joyce Foraker, of Maysville, Okla., looks at Mike Larsen's "Portraits of the Elders" paintings at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur Saturday, Sept. 25.

"It's exciting to see them realize that we have been here this long and how our clothing has developed."

Mrs. Wheeler is an award-winning weaver, fiber expert, textile artist and designer. She has won numerous awards, including the President's award at Red Earth Festival and Eiteljorg Indian Market Purchase award for the feather cape and kilt she designed for the Chickasaw Nation original production, "Lowak Shoppala." She also won "Best of Class" at the Heard Museum Indian Fair and Market and placed first and second in textiles and the 2009 Southeastern Art Show and Market.

She was one of the four Native American fashion designers chosen to speak at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in New York. She was also an NMAI Artist in Residence.

She was recently inducted into Chickasaw Hall of Fame.

Formerly an educator, Mrs. Wheeler is now owner/operator of her company, Mahota Handwovens, designing and marketing hand woven contemporary fashion, costumes, and traditional Native American regalia. She actively participates in Chickasaw Nation events and generously offers her time to teaching Chickasaw youth in the Chickasaw Nation Summer Arts Academy.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is located at 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Road.

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From left, Matthew Holt, 15, and Dillan Gaither, 16, both of Lone Grove, Okla., look at the "Mahota Women Art/Designs" displays at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur Saturday, Sept. 25.

A creation by Margaret Roach Wheeler is displayed at the Aatifama Room in Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla., Saturday, Sept. 25.

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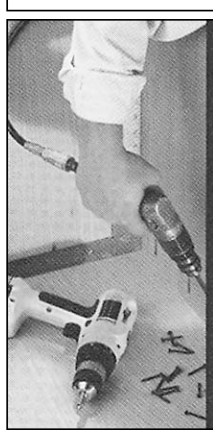

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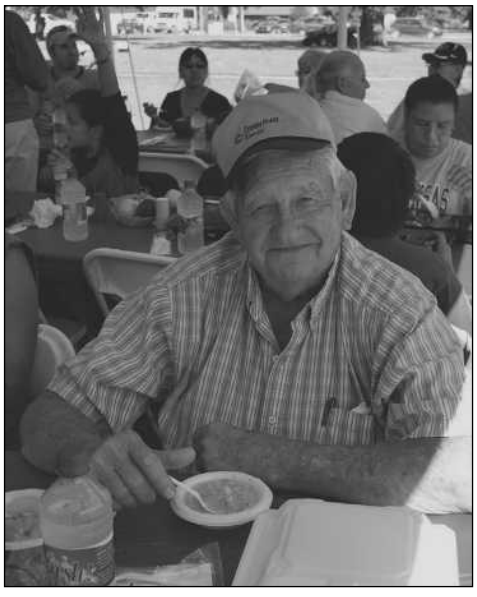


Wayne King presents the Traditional Cornstalk Shoot 1st place trophy to Shamus Wells.

Festival Traditional Cornstalk Jackpot Shoot winner, Wayne Scribner.

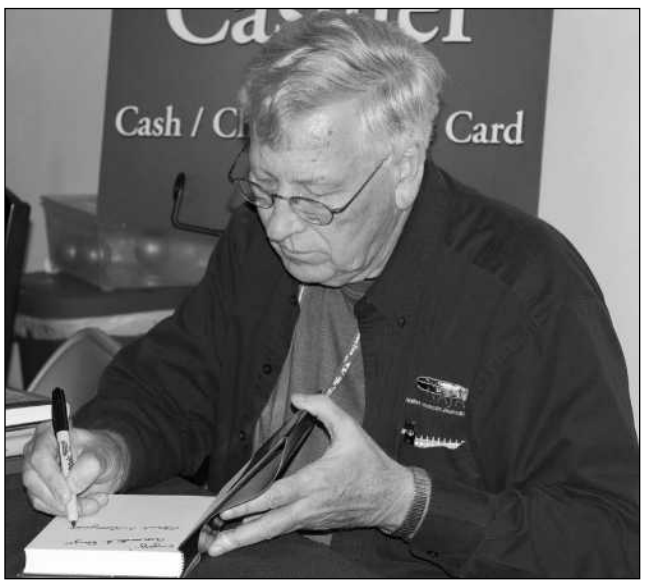
John Herrington and Michelle Cooke, Libraries, Archives and Collections director, watch as Marissa Moore, Photo Archives Manager, prepares old documents soon to be scanned.

Wayne King presents the Traditional Cornstalk Shoot 2nd place trophy to Mike Cornelius.

From left, Traditional Cornstalk Shoot Youth 1st place winner Ammon Walker and Youth Long Distance Shoot winner T.J. Clark.

Wayne King presents the Traditional Cornstalk Shoot 3rd place trophy to Darren Dirkson.

Jeannie Barbour at the book signing.



Dr. Daniel Littlefield at the book signing.

Golf Tournament 1st place winners: Robby Gibson, Bruce Palmer, Cody Blaine, and Jerry Ezell.

Golf Tournament 2nd Place winners: Darrell Cochran, Allen Leard, Steven Edgar and Brad Cochran.

Spirit of the Festival winner, Stacy Edgar.

Golf Tournament 3rd Place winners: Richard Murray, Lisa John, Tom John and Rob Murray.

1,000 contribute to special Chickasaw Cultural Evening event

The Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard posts the colors. Members are Bernie Seeley, front, and back row from left, Will Johnson, Mike Reed, Leslie Seeley and Sam Underwood.

Talented singers performed Chickasaw and Choctaw hymns.

SULPHUR, Okla. - Preserving and sharing the Chickasaw story were central themes of the 10th annual Chickasaw Cultural Evening, Monday, Sept. 27 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

An estimated 1,000 people participated in a variety of evening events, including tours of the facility, cultural demonstrations, children's activities and a traditional evening meal.

The newly-opened Chickasaw Cultural Center provided a serene setting for hundreds of Chickasaws, families and guests to explore the new facility and celebrate and share Chickasaw culture.

Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham, administrator of the tribe's Division of History and Culture, welcomed the gathering to the Cultural Center and said more than 12,000 guests have visited the center since the facility opened July 24.

A prayer and posting of the colors by the Chickasaw Honor Guard, followed by ringing the traditional bell formally opened the evening.

Kennedy Brown, special assistant to Gov. Bill Anoatubby, had the honor of ringing the bell and Stan Smith led the assembly in a Chickasaw-language prayer.

During the evening, guests had the opportunity to watch the Chickasaw Dance Troupe and storytellers perform, view Mahota Woven designs by Chickasaw artist Margaret Roach Wheeler and portraits of Chickasaw elders by Mike Larsen.

Chickasaw citizen Mona Miller and family had the opportunity to see the portrait of her mother, brother and sister Mr. Larsen had painted.

"I love it. I think it is nice the Chickasaw Nation is doing all of this for us," she said.

Mrs. Miller also spent part of the evening identifying several people in photos at the Holisso Resource Center, which was open for tours to Chickasaw people for the first time.

The Holisso Resource Center houses historic documents, archives and photos and provide a place for research for Chickasaw citizens and the general public.

Reuniting and fellowship with friends were also highlights of the evening.

"It is nice to be able to look around the Cultural Center and also see many people you haven't seen in a while," said Mrs. Miller.

Mrs. Miller attended the event with family members Bob Huggins and two-year-old Gage Lockheart, who was enjoying the Cultural Center grounds.

Other activities offered during the evening included tours the Chikasha Poya Exhibit Gallery and Aaholitopli Honor Garden and films in the Anoil Theater.

Several children dove into craft activities and cultural demonstrations, including stickball, bow shooting, beading and other traditional crafts at the Chikasha Inchokka' Traditional Village.

Chickasaw author Phil Morgan was on-hand signing copies of Chickasaw Renaissance and Chickasaw: Unconquered and Unconquerable in the Aatifama Room.

Talented singers performed Chickasaw and Choctaw hymns and members of the Chipota Chikashshanompoli Language closed the annual event with a performance.

For more information about the Chickasaw Cultural Center, located at 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Road, Sulphur, visit www.chickasawculturalcenter.com.

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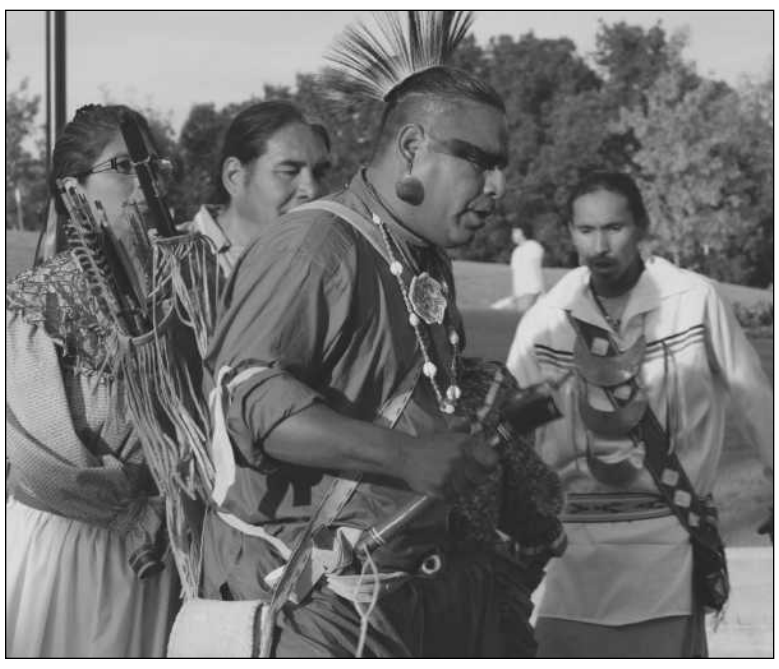
Kennedy Brown rings the traditional bell during the opening ceremony of Cultural Evening.



Members of the Chickasaw Dance Troupe at Cultural Evening.

James McCurtain, of Sulphur, enjoys Cultural Evening.

Chipota Chikashshanompoli Language members closed Cultural Evening with a performance.

Chickasaw Royalty chosen at Princess Pageant

Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel with 2010-2011 Chickasaw Princess Sesiley Robertson, center, Chickasaw Junior Princess Taloa Underwood, left, and Little Miss Chickasaw Maegan Carney. The new royalty were crowned during the annual Chickasaw Princess Pageant, Sept. 28 in Ada.

ADA, Okla. - New Chickasaw Nation royalty were selected during the 2010-2011 Chickasaw Princess Pageant Tuesday, Sept 28, at the Ada High School Cougar Activity Center.

Sesiley Robertson, 17, of Ada; Taloa Underwood, 16, of Sulphur; and Maegan Carney, 11, of Ardmore were crowned Miss Chickasaw, Junior Miss Chickasaw and Little Miss Chickasaw, respectively, by Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby.

"It is a pleasure to see these three deserving young ladies stepping into their role as goodwill ambassadors for the Chickasaw Nation," said Gov. Anoatubby. "We believe they will serve as exceptional role models to other Chickasaw and Native American young people."

The winners received a crown, traditional dress, shawl, sash, trophy, gifts and cash prizes.

The new royalty will have the honor and privilege of representing the Chickasaw Nation at various events nationwide during their one-year reign.

The contestants were judged on the basis of traditional dress, poise, talent and random questions. They demonstrated a wide variety of talents ranging from storytelling, singing, hoop dancing and piano playing.

Earlier in the day, the contestants participated in one-on-one interview sessions with the panel of judges comprising of Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon, Chickasaw citizen Alicia Johnson and Chickasaw Composer-in-residence Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate.

"We are very proud of them (contestants)," said Mr. Tate during the pageant. "No matter who would win, this tribe will be so well represented."

During the pageant ceremony, special recognition was paid to the outgoing 2009-2010 royalty – Miss Chickasaw Jessie Miller, Junior Miss Chickasaw Alexis Walker and Little Miss Chickasaw Lauren John.

Miss Robertson is the daughter of Richard Robertson and Clarice Culberson. A junior at Latta High School, Miss Robertson is a member of the cheerleading squad and Family Career Community Leaders of America (FCCLA).

Miss Underwood is the daughter of Dennis and Tina Underwood. She is a junior at Sulphur High School. Her painting "Chukmasi" was chosen as the artwork for the 2010 Chickasaw Dynamic Women's Conference and Forum.

Miss Carney is the daughter of Richard Allen Carney and Angie Amareta Underwood Carney. She is a sixth grader at Ardmore Middle School and loves to stomp dance and hoop dance.

Raechell Meely, 12, of Dickson, was selected first runner-up and Krysten Wallace, 12, of Ada, was selected second runner-up in the Junior Miss Chickasaw category. Participants in this category are required to be of ages 12 to 16.

Other winners in the Little Miss Chickasaw category were - first runner-up Keilyn "Ke-Ke" Ahni Factor, 8; second runner-up Pakanli Ramsey, 11; and third runner-up Anna Mae Palmer, 7, all of Ada. Little Miss Chickasaw participants are required to be of ages seven to 11.

Participants in Miss Chickasaw category are required to be of ages 17 to 25.

In addition, all royalty participants are required to be residents of the Chickasaw Nation and have a minimum one-quarter Chickasaw blood quantum, and meet other requirements.

For more information on the Chickasaw Princess Program, call (580) 272-7710 or email Mary.Hartley@chickasaw.net.

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Little Miss Chickasaw participant Maegan Carney performs hoop dancing at the 2010-2011 Chickasaw Princess Pageant Tuesday, Sept. 28.

Junior Miss Chickasaw participant Raechell Meely at the 2010-2011 Chickasaw Princess Pageant Tuesday, Sept. 28.

From left, Taloa Underwood and Maegan Carney after being crowned Junior Miss Chickasaw and Little Miss Chickasaw, respectively.

Governor Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Keel present parting gifts to the 2009-2010 Royalty, from left, Little Miss Chickasaw Lauren John, Junior Miss Chickasaw Alexis Walker and Miss Chickasaw Jessie Miller.

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mond received the Silver Feather Award. Chickasaw student Joe Thomas won the Best Unpublished Article award for his work "The Chickasaws Before Removal." Congratulations to you all!

We extend congratulations to our newly-elected officials, tribal legislators Tim Colbert, Linda Briggs, Mary Jo Green and Beth Alexander, and tribal justice Mark Colbert.

Our governmental departments serve different functions, but we work together and share the same mission of enhancing the quality of life of Chickasaw people.

The year 2010 marks another year of accomplishment and progress. It is with great pleasure that I report to you today that the state of our nation is strong!

We are financially strong. Please take a moment to review the financial report you received in your packet today. You will notice the progress our tribe has made in its financial condition.

We have taken great efforts to ensure we are prepared to meet whatever the future may bring.

We have been successful and made significant progress in many important areas.

Each year we reach out to more and more Chickasaws. Our goal is to help you achieve your educational goals. We currently have more Chickasaws engaged in higher and technical education than ever before, and we have awarded a record number of grants and scholarship to Chickasaw students.

Financial barriers are among the most difficult problems our students must overcome. We are dedicated to financially assisting any Chickasaw who has the will and determination to pursue higher or additional education! Higher education and technical training are very important to our young people – our future leaders.

Chickasaw students from across the U.S. participate in our unique internship program and gain real-life work experience in preparation for their future careers. Locally, we have recently completed new internship housing units in Ada for our college interns serving us here. The apartments provide living space for 16 Chickasaw interns to live during their tribal internships.

We are pleased and proud to report that the Chickasaw Nation Science, Technology and Math Academy building will be complete in November. This academy will enable Chickasaw youth to explore education and career opportunities in fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Providing the proper tools for our children early in life is one key to their educational success. Our Head Start program does just that. We believe a student's overall educational success is contingent on a quality early education. Our Head Start centers are committed to providing quality education to our three- and four-year-olds.

We are dedicated to developing creative and innovative programs to meet the educational goals of each and every Chickasaw. Lisa John leads our Division of Education.

For 2010, nearly 1,500 Chickasaw youth attended our academies, camps and clinics, and some traveled significant distances to participate.

Our baseball, basketball, football, arts and archery camps focus on improving skills and building enthusiasm – and they can also be a lot of fun! We enjoy how spirited and outgoing our students become at the camps.

Our language, culture, entrepreneurship and environmental camps provide avenues for our youth to explore while learning valuable skills and lessons.

All of our camps provide opportunities for the overall healthy development of our youth. Jay Keel leads our Division of Youth and Family Services.

Our new Family Resource Center in Norman provides cultural, language and educational elements to support Chickasaw identity and wellness. The Resource Center helps Chickasaw families heal, strengthen and sustain themselves.

As part of a partnership with the University of Oklahoma, the OU Chickasaw Nation Learning Community assists Chickasaw students as they transition from high school or community College to OU. Additionally, the Learning Community helps our Chickasaw students learn what it means to be Chickasaw.

Our elders are an incredibly important part of our tribe. We raise you up and we celebrate you!

Ladies, I hope you enjoy the special broach you received at registration this morning. The gentlemen received a bolo tie. These are our special appreciation gifts for our elders who are at least 80 years young. Those who could not attend today will receive broaches and bolos by mail.

We currently maintain 11 senior sites throughout the Chickasaw Nation. At our senior sites, our elders enjoy fellowship, activities and their independent way of life. A hot and nutritious breakfast is served five days a week.

We are committed to helping our elders improve the quality of their lives. So, creating an independent living complex is a high priority on our list of projects. As a starting point, we are building a complex of four units with two apartments per unit. Located on the Ardmore campus, the apartments are within walking distance of nutrition services, the health clinic, the wellness center, the senior site and area office.

This is the first independent living complex to be built by the Chickasaw Nation. The units are slated for completion later this fall.

Thanks goes to Karen Cook, Division on Aging administrator, and Wayne Scribner, administrator of the Division of Housing and Tribal Development for their dedication to this project.

One measure of success for our tribe is the health of our people.

Our Division of Health has come a long way over the years. We continue to provide more and more services to our people. More Chickasaws than ever before have access to state-of-the-art health care facilities, programs and services. This is something of which we all can be proud.

Offering the best possible health care to all of our people is key to our mission.

Since the Indian Health Service opened the doors of the first clinic in Tishomingo in the 1960s, we have worked to improve health care in the Chickasaw Nation. Today, the Chickasaw Nation operates health clinics in Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Durant and Purcell. Medical services are provided under contract with local physicians in Duncan.

We are continually moving closer to our goal of providing quality health care within 35 miles of every Chickasaw living in the Chickasaw Nation.

We continue to strive toward better health care for our people. With that in mind, building a bigger and better medical facility for our people, for all Indian people, was a must.

So, we now have one! The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center began treating patients on July 31 of this year. This cutting edge medical center is the largest health care facility of its kind in Indian County.

To tell us more, please welcome Dr. Judy Goforth-Parker, administrator of the Division of Health.

Following are comments from Dr. Parker

Thank you, Governor. Good morning.

In less than three years, we built a fine, beautiful medical facility for our people. Great detail and consideration went into every aspect of planning and constructing this state-of-the-art facility.

From the landscaping to the MRI machine, great care was taken with each detail. The hospital is designed with a person's physical, mental and spiritual health in mind.

The 370,000 square-foot facility was constructed so patients and visitors may enjoy large amounts of natural light.

The number of doctors and nurses providing care has dramatically increased in several areas of the hospital including family practice, dental and optometry.

Imaging services have expanded to cover an extensive range of services. New equipment includes a CT scan, an MRI and women's imaging with digital mammography, ultrasound and bone scan. With this new equipment, we will be able to offer our patients access to enhanced technologies on our own campus for the first time.

As with any new venture, sometimes things don't go as planned. Our move into the new medical center was no different. We have identified a few areas that need to be improved upon immediately.

One area in particular is the Emergency Department. We recognize that wait times in the emergency department are too long. We are addressing that issue and will find a solution.

We have established a multidisciplinary task force which will analyze issues we are experiencing in the ED and make recommendations to improve our patient care. We will continue until our emergency department is functioning the way it should.

We are also working to improve coordination with primary care clinics so patients can see their primary care providers more quickly. This will alleviate the number of patients coming through the ED for conditions that can be treated in one of our skilled clinics.

We have an announcement I think will please you very much. Beginning October 1, patients can call to schedule dental appointments any day of the week. No longer will there only be one day a month to call only to be met with the possibility of not getting an appointment time. When you call, you will receive an appointment time.

We will continue improving services and processes to provide the best possible patient care.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

It has been a very exciting year for the Division of Health, and we look forward to many years like this one to come! Thank you.

Governor Anoatubby resumes his comments

Thank you, Dr. Parker.

We hope all of you had a chance to tour the medical center this week. For those of you who didn't, a video tour will soon be available on Chickasaw.net.

As you can see, our division of health has come a long way, and we aren't finished yet! Since the medical center is complete, we are now beginning the process of remodeling two of our satellite health clinics.

The Ardmore clinic, built in 1988, will soon be remodeled. A much nicer facility will result and will include the addition of three exam rooms.

Built in the late 1970s, the clinic here

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in Tishomingo will also soon be receiving a facelift.

Both the Ardmore and Tishomingo Clinics are due to be replaced with brand new facilities in the next three years incorporating much of what has been accomplished in the remodel in the new facilities. There will be more to come on that story.

Keeping the tradition of the arts alive is important to our Chickasaw spirit. Our people have always been creative and expressed their creativity in amazing ways. We are continuing this tradition within our Division of Arts and Humanities under the direction of Lona Barrick.

Lowak Shoppala' (Fire and Light) premiered to more than 2,000 people in November 2009. The production was a collaboration among Jerod Tate, Linda Hogan and Margaret Roach Wheeler. Lowak Shoppala' was a marvelous showcase of Chickasaw culture, heritage and spirit.

Thanks to the creators, the cast and crew for your brilliant work!

Another impressive project was the Oshtali CD. Chickasaw student composers from the Chickasaw Nation Summer Arts Academy were recently featured on the CD.

Recognized as the first album in history with works by American Indian student-composers, Oshtali is a 16-song collection showcasing contemporary classical music.

It is vital to our progress that we continue to create new works, new mediums to carry our culture into the next generation.

The Chickasaw Press has recently released new titles that will be available in the Capitol building today.

The book *Chickasaw Renaissance* was released this past April. This book is a follow-up to the award-winning *Chickasaw: Unconquered and Unconquerable.*

Chickasaw Renaissance is the first published book-length history of the cultural and political resurgence of the Chickasaw Nation in the 20th century.

Two other titles are *Chickasaw Lives: Volume Three,* authored by Richard Green, and *Proud to Be Chickasaw*, authored by Mike and Martha Larsen and Ms. Jeannie Barbour. These books are an excellent way for our tribe to share our story with the world.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center opened this summer in Sulphur. This is such an amazing milestone for our tribe! A long-held dream, the Cultural Center is now a reality.

At this time, Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham, our Division of History and Culture administrator, will come to the stage to tell you more about the Cultural Center.

Comments from Dr. Cobb-Greetham

Thank you, Governor.

As Governor said, the Chickasaw Cultural Center has been a dream of Chickasaw people for many, many years. Nestled on 109 acres of gently rolling hills, woodlands and trees, the center features more than 96,000 square feet of indoor space.

Much more than a museum, the cultural center is literally a center of living culture. It provides a place to embrace and learn about our vital thriving culture.

The Chikasha Poya (We are Chickasaw) Exhibit Center is a state-of-the-art, interactive exhibit gallery that chronicles the story of our people.

The Kochcha' Aabiniili' Amphitheater provides a place to experience our heritage through live demonstrations of traditional stomp dance, storytelling, and music.

The Chikasha Inchokka' Traditional Village is a representation of an 18th century Mississippian Chickasaw village. The village includes a council house, two summer houses, two winter houses, a corn crib, minko mound and a stockade fence. In the village, you can participate in many activities including stickball, traditional cooking demonstrations, and classes in cultural arts and crafts.

The Anoli' Theater features a large-format, four-story screen. The cutting-edge theater showcases films made by Chickasaws and about Chickasaws.

The recently completed Holisso Research Center will house extensive genealogical and archaeological collections, as well as photo archives, letters and historic papers. It provides a place to study the history of our tribe as well as many other Southeastern tribes.

With so much to offer, there is something here for everyone to come enjoy and learn. Since the Cultural Center opened this summer, over 14,000 people have enjoyed the campus.

Thank you.

Governor Anoatubby resumes his comments

Thank you, Amanda. The Cultural Center is the treasure of our nation and will be for years to come.

The Chickasaw Honor Garden is an important aspect of the Cultural Center. Located on the center's grounds, it allows us the opportunity to have a physical place to honor all Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame inductees. A granite marker depicting each inductee hangs in the Honor Garden.

Designed to be a place of reverence, reflection and inspiration, the Honor Garden allows us to commemorate the lives of these and other great Chickasaws for years to come.

This month we will break ground on the new Artesian Hotel in Sulphur. The Artesian is designed to complement the Cultural Center.

The hotel will have approximately 80 rooms, banquet and conference accommodations, a restaurant, spa and an indoor/outdoor swimming pool. It will draw tourists to the area, and to the Cultural Center.

This is additional economic development in this area and will create jobs, sustain current businesses and improve tourism in the overall area. The hotel is slated to open in 2013.

The new judicial and legislative buildings opened this year. The new facilities make the services of these important departments much more accessible to our citizens.

Along with the executive department, these departments of your Chickasaw government are the legs upon which our government stands. Providing them a proper place to operate gives further sustainability and sophistication.

Our Division of Housing and Tribal Development is always busy - busy providing quality, affordable housing.

Twenty-seven families moved into homes this year through the Home Owners Program and there are currently 30 new homes in the planning or construction stage.

Protecting our planet and caring about our environment is important to the future of our children and our tribe.

This year the tribe opened our first Re-Use Center. The ReUse Center is a place to donate used items you no longer need and pick up things you might want, all at no cost.

The ReUse Center is open to the public and is one more way the Chickasaw Nation is helping reduce waste, and encourage reuse and recycling.

It is incumbent on us to protect our environment. Our goal is to minimize the impact we have on the natural resources over which we serve as stewards.

We are proud to announce that the Chickasaw Nation opened its first Compressed Natural Gas Fueling Station this year. CNG fuel not only lowers fuel cost and maintenance, it is better for the environment, boosts Oklahoma's economy and moves the U.S. closer to energy independence.

This is the first tribally-owned CNG fueling station in Oklahoma.

In addition to being more environmentally friendly, natural gas is also a viable business and a growing sector of the economy. Because of its abundance and the need for national energy independence, we expect profitable returns in this market.

Our Division of Commerce, under the direction of Bill Lance, has seen many of its businesses improved and expanded this year.

In an economic climate that has not been conducive to much business growth, our tribe is doing very, very well. We monitor opportunities to diversify our business endeavors and are diligent in our fiscal management. Our goal is to drive continued prosperity.

So, despite a challenging economic environment, the Chickasaw Nation business enterprises continued to perform well by aggressively controlling costs and implementing creative new strategies to gain market share.

WinStar World Casino had some very visible improvements completed over the year. The expansion that began in 2009 was completed, and WinStar is now, truly, a world-class destination!

Our commercial radio stations, South Central Oklahoma Radio Enterprises, have experienced a successful year. SCORE consists of five local radio stations. These stations serve 12 counties and an estimated audience of 75,000 people.

Solara Healthcare continues to grow and prosper. It exceeded its net income for all of 2009 during the first half of 2010.

Due to the changing nature of the health care industry, the company recently sold its seven Long Term Acute Care Hospitals. This resulted in a substantial return on the Chickasaw Nation's investment.

Solara will continue to operate primarily in the health care field but shifting its focus to Ambulatory Surgical Centers. These are health care facilities that offer patients selected surgical and procedural services performed outside the hospital setting.

In January of 2010, Global Gaming Solutions completed its acquisition of Remington Park in Oklahoma City. Since that time, substantial improvements have been made to the facility and its entertainment offerings. This has resulted in unmatched financial performance in virtually every aspect of the business.

The purchase of Remington Park's sister facility, Lone Star Park located in the Dallas/Ft. Worth metro area, is expected to close in mid-October.

Global Gaming plans to improve the performance of Lone Star Park by leveraging existing resources and expertise.

Continuing efforts to diversify our business holdings, another promising healthcare-related business was established this past year - Sovereign Medical Solutions.

In August, the company won its first contract. It will provide an emergency department dashboard application compatible with the federal government's standard medical software.

While virtually all banks have been impacted to some extent by the financial crisis that began in 2008, the fourth quarter of 2009 marked the best year ever for our own Bank2. Bank2 has outperformed its peers on average in both return on assets and return on equity.

Ladies and gentlemen, the future of

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Chickasaw Nation business enterprises looks very bright! It is because of our businesses that we are able to offer many wonderful programs and services to our people.

Through good stewardship, diligence, sound fiscal management and frugal spending, the Chickasaw Nation's financial outlook is also bright.

We have exercised caution in our spending during these tight economic times, while still doing the business that we are here to do - serve you. Not a single tribal service was cut back nor did a single tribal employee lose his or her job because of the recession.

Tribal assets have continued to grow. This provides us with a firm foundation on which we can rely and upon which we can and will continue to build for the future.

Communicating with every Chickasaw, reaching you no matter where you live, is a job we take very seriously.

Under the leadership of Robyn Elliott, the mission of our Division of Communications, Media and Community Development is to establish the very best communication possible with you, our people. We continue to embrace new technologies and develop new material to provide meaningful information for you.

Many of you are listening to this address through KCNP, our community radio station, over the airways and through live streaming over the internet. Soon, KCNP will premiere its first call-in show.

Communication is a two-way street. It is important that we hear directly from you and that you have a chance to ask us questions and get answers. The new call-in show will provide you an opportunity to talk to a variety of experts in health, housing, finance, arts, education, and topics you tell us are important to you.

Today, online technology allows us to reach beyond the borders of the Chickasaw Nation. We can now speak to citizens wherever you live. We can educate and inform through videos. We can introduce the world to our strengths, our enduring culture and the progress of the Chickasaw Nation.

Mark the date January 1, 2011, the first day of the New Year. On that day, we will launch a truly remarkable new communications tool for the Chickasaw Nation - an online network of high-definition video channels.

Chickasaw.tv will be a video network that will complement our current Chickasaw.net website and our other online sites. You will find individual channels devoted to Arts and Humanities, History and Culture, current events and tribal news. A government channel will organize videos about our programs, services and commerce, all at your fingertips.

Three other channels will focus on DestiNATIONS within the Nation, the wise use of our natural resources and the rich stories of our people.

This network will be a first of its kind for any tribal Nation. It will set a new communications standard, linking this generation to the next and the next, well into our future, at Chickasaw.tv.

For a sneak preview or what is to come, please turn your attention to the screens.

Let's recognize our wonderful multimedia department. Ladies and gentlemen, this technology opens many new possibilities. We are only limited by our imagination!

The movie "Pearl" is wrapping up its multi-city tour and is headed to DVD production. A full-length feature film, "Pearl" won several awards this past year including the endorsement of the Dove Family Foundation.

The movie is the true story of one of our most accomplished Chickasaws, Pearl Carter Scott, who became the youngest pilot in America in 1928.

"Pearl," the DVD, will be available for purchase in time for the Christmas season. Please look for it in mid-November.

Enclosed in your bag today, is the music video "Just One Dream" which was especially recorded for the movie.

"Pearl" is only one of the many stories we have to tell. We treasure stories that one day we hope to share using our own words, our own voice. The story of Te Ata, our Removal from our homelands, our first encounter with De Soto and the story of the Unconquered and Unconquerable Chickasaw Nation are just a few subjects that have been discussed.

As you have heard this morning, our tribe is very busy.

Lt. Governor Keel and I are blessed with the support of great talent.

You have heard about the accomplishments of many of our divisions.

Two other people who work every day in service to the Chickasaw people are Leta Burwell, administrator over social services, and Pat Woods who oversees program services.

We have many others who work in the background to help support the mission of serving our people, our unsung heroes, as it were.

You are not used to hearing about some of those people like Jalinda Kelley, who heads up the Division of Administrative Services. Or Kirk Perry, who very capably oversees our policies and standards office.

Jenny Trett and her staff keep our finances in order, and Tom John is over self-governance.

We rely on Deanna Hartley-Kelso and her staff to help us navigate the complicated realm of American Indian law.

It takes a well-rounded organization and a talented staff to be a success. We have both, plus we have a plan in place and are busy working to improve our future and the future of our children, our children's children, and so on. This is not some distant plan. It is the continual work of our people throughout each day.

Progress doesn't happen by chance. It happens because people set their minds to it. They work hard and they persevere. That is what is happening in the Chickasaw Nation.

We are committed to continuing our mission into the next 50 years. We are committed to not only to fulfilling our mission, but to exceeding its original intentions.

Let's think about the next 50 years. Let's picture in our minds every Chickasaw, who desires and is willing to work, is employed.

Let's envision every Chickasaw child receiving a quality education and striving toward a dream of his or her making.

Picture every elder well cared for, living a quality, independent life!

Let's imagine every Chickasaw family in a warm, safe home.

This is not a dream. This can be our future!

All of these things can be a reality, and will be a reality, if we keep pushing forward.

If we maintain our commitment to our people, if we persevere, just as our ancestors did, just as we always have, then this **will be our future!**

Fellow Chickasaws, it is my honor to report to you that the state of the Chickasaw Nation is strong! We are a healthy, vibrant, growing nation.

Ladies and gentlemen, my team and I aren't coasting and aren't planning for retirement. Rest assured, we are planning to continue working hard for you each and every day.

Thank you for the honor and privilege you have granted me by allowing me to serve as your governor.

I look forward to the opportunity to continue being of service to you, the Great Unconquered and Unconquerable Chickasaw Nation!

Enjoy your day!

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Tribe presents arts, culture awards

Catherine Willmond, Millie Blackmon honored at event

Circle of Honor
Silver Feather Award
Presented in grateful appreciation for contributions made to the preservation of Chickasaw history & culture.
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CATHERINE PICKENS WILLMOND

Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel presented two of the tribe's highest honors, Dynamic Woman of the Year and the Silver Feather Award, at the annual Arts and Culture Awards last month. Pictured are, from left, Gov. Anoatubby, 2010 Dynamic Woman of the Year Millie Blackmon, Silver Feather Award recipient Catherine Willmond and Lt. Gov. Keel.

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - One Chickasaw woman was recognized for dedication to the health of her language while another was recognized for dedication to the health of her people during the annual Chickasaw Nation Arts and Culture Awards Sept. 30 at Murray State College in Tishomingo.

Catherine Willmond received the Silver Feather award for her efforts to preserve Chickasaw culture. Mrs. Willmond is co-author of "Chickasaw: An Analytical Dictionary," a text that has become a foundation upon which the tribe's current language revitalization programs are built.

"Catherine Willmond has made an incredible contribution toward the revitalization of our Chickasaw language," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "Her work will have a positive impact on Chickasaw speakers for generations to come."

Mrs. Willmond worked with UCLA linguistics professor Pamela Munro in researching "Chickasaw: An Analytical Dictionary." The authors recorded more than 40 tribal elders to complete the dictionary and a more recently published grammar textbook, "Let's Speak Chickasaw (Chikash-shanompa' Kilanompoli')." "It feels good to know that my work will help create new speakers," said Mrs. Willmond, who spoke Chickasaw exclusively until she was 35. Now in her late 80s, Mrs. Willmond continues to do her part to preserve and teach the Chickasaw language.

"As long as I'm here, I'm going to speak my language," she said.

Indian health advocate Mildred "Millie" Blackmon was named 2010 Chickasaw Nation Dynamic Woman of the Year. Gov. Anoatubby presented the award.

"Millie Blackmon is a fine example of persistence in pursuit of a noble goal," said Gov. Anoatubby. "She is very deserving of this honor."

Starting out as a seamstress, Mrs. Blackmon worked two jobs and raised a family while earning her bachelor's degree from East Central (OK) University. Upon graduation, she worked for both the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations as a registered sanitarian. She eventually earned a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

Mrs. Blackmon is currently Chief Executive Officer of the Wewoka Indian Health Center in Wewoka, Okla. In this capacity, she diligently promotes collaboration between federal and tribal governments and works to improve patient care.

Mrs. Blackmon quoted the late Cherokee leader Wilma Mankiller in saying that individuals must trust their own thinking, trust where they are going and get the job done.

"That's what I will do," she said. "I will continue working and stay involved until I get the job done."

Mrs. Blackmon is the granddaughter of original Chickasaw enrollee Abe Ned.

University of Oklahoma student Joe Thomas received the 2010 Holisso Award for Best Unpublished Manuscript for his article "The Chickasaws before Removal."

Chickasaw Historical Society president Kennedy Brown presented the organization's Service Award to the family of the late Reverend Charlie Carter, a fluent speaker and talented bowmaker, for his contributions to the history and culture of the Chickasaw people.

For the second year, Marvin Burcham, of Brandon, Mississippi, donated a portion of his chipped-stone artifacts collection to the tribe.

William Welge, Director of the Research Division of the Oklahoma Historical Society, also presented Gov. Anoatubby with a preserved copy of the earliest known writings on the Chickasaw people shortly after they arrived in Indian Territory.

Awards were also presented to winners of the Southeastern Art Show and Market. The top winners in each category were: *Best in Show - Tracie Davis for her granite carving "Healing Hands of Spirit World." *Best in Division - 2-D-Sharon Irla for her painting "Necessity is the Mother." *Best in Division - 3-D-Margaret Roach Wheeler for her textile design "Itapehut Owutta (Hunter's Coat)." *Best in Division - Cultural-Kristin Dorsey for her necklace "Are You on the Dawes Rolls?" The show was open to all artists of Southeast and Woodlands tribes. Artists, who were juried into the market by a panel of judges, were also able to enter the art show to compete for a number of cash awards.

Also during the ceremony, the Chickasaw Press announced the release of three new titles: "Proud to be Chickasaw" by Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen, his wife Martha and Jeannie Barbour; "Chickasaw Removal" by Amanda L Paige, Fuller L. Bumpers and Daniel F. Littlefield Jr. and "Chickasaw Lives, Volume Three: Sketches of Past and Present" by Richard Green.

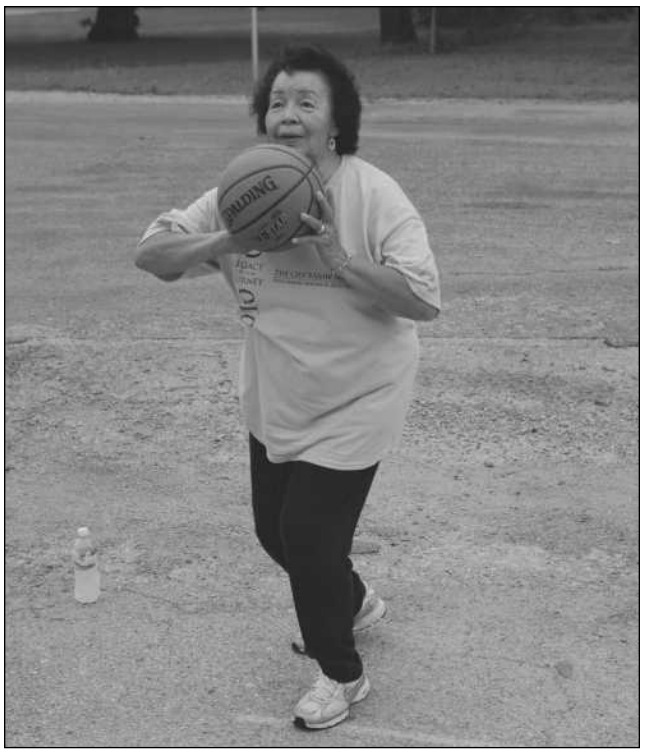
CONTRIBUTED BY Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Colbert Reunion 'The Walk' at Tuscumbia Landing, Alabama

On September 10 and 11, members of the Colbert Family participated in the annual Colbert Reunion Walk in Tuscumbia, Alabama. The Walk begins at Tuscumbia Landing and proceeds the 2.2 miles to the city of Tuscumbia.

Senior Olympics 2010

Charlotte Newton, of Oklahoma City takes her turn at shooting hoops during the recent Senior Olympics.



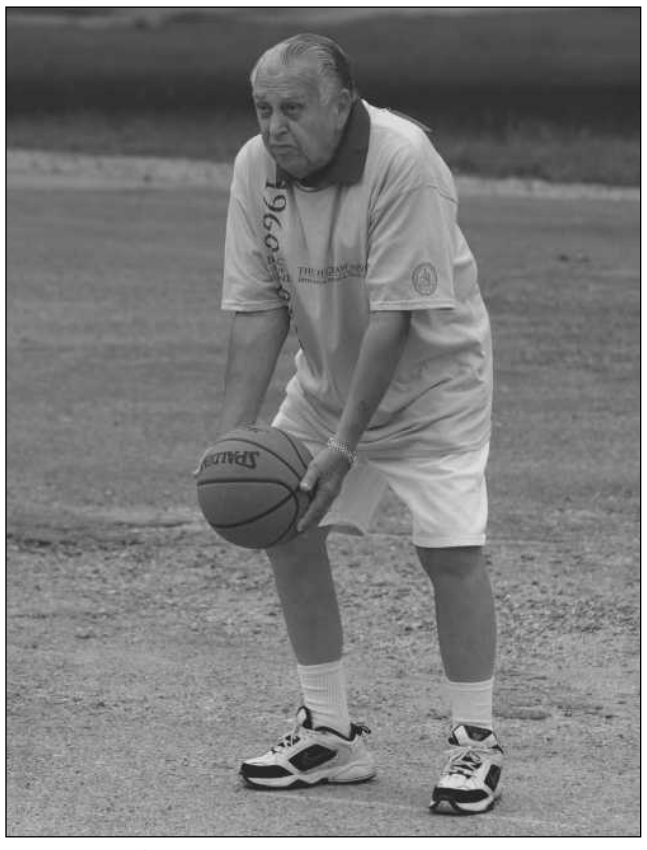
Etta Johnson, of Ardmore, Okla.

Doris Albius, of Madill, Okla.

Glennell Hester, of Oklahoma City.

Bobby Payne, of Tishomingo, Okla.

Pat Cox, of Ada, takes her turn at throwing darts as Dolly Nichols, of Achille, Okla., watches.



Joe Palmer, of Oklahoma City.

From left, Margaret Melville, of Ada, Okla., Artha Bridges, of Oklahoma City, JoAnn Miller, of Ada and Charlotte Newton, of Oklahoma City

August 2010 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Raven Ablard

Raven, daughter of Erin Moore Patrick and Ira Jason Leonard Ablard, of Riverton, Wyo., is an August 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Overall Student.

Raven Ablard

Raven is in the seventh grade at Riverton Middle School and was nominated by Ms. Celeste Spoonhunter.

"Raven has consistently outstanding grades and attendance," said Ms. Spoonhunter. "Her academics and dedication to self achievement motivate her to continue to be the best she can be."

Raven loves animals and she has two dogs, one cat and one horse. During the summer months Raven raises show hogs for 4-H.

Raven is on the volleyball, swim, basketball and softball teams.

Raven said, "I like to be part of a team."

Christian Choice

Christian, son of Verona Pray, of Clarksville, Tenn., is an August 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academic Achievement.

Christian Choice

Christian is in the fourth grade at Liberty Elementary School, and was nominated by Assistant Principal Melisse Cooper.

"Christian received one of the top awards in our school by achieving an 'advanced' in the four academic areas on our state achievement test," said Ms. Cooper. "Christian also received the top award in our reading program called Accelerated Reader."

Christian has been a member of Cub Scouts for three years and his hobbies include playing basketball and football.

"My future plans are to be a soldier for 21 years and become an architect," said Christian.

Karlee Buckridge

Karlee, daughter of Brenda Wilkes, of West Monroe, La., is an August 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academic Achievement.

Karlee Buckridge

Karlee is a freshman at West Monroe High School and was nominated by freshmen teachers.

Karlee has won many awards in drama and she is a member of the honor roll.

"I love learning about the world," said Karlee. "My goal after high school is to go to college to become a psychologist."

Trenton Freeman

Trenton, son of Rebecca Freeman, of Denver City, Texas, is an August 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Art.

Trenton Freeman

Trenton is in the fifth grade at Kelley Dodson Elementary and was nominated by Education Coordinator for Llano Estacado Underground Water Conservation District Crystal Hogue.

Trenton's art work has been featured in a calendar and is currently posted on the www.savingh2o.org website.

Trenton enjoys drawing, hunting, fishing and dirt bike racing.

Erica Herman

Erica, daughter of James and Carolyn Herman, of Midwest City, Okla., is an August 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.

Erica Herman

Erica is in the eighth grade at Nicoma Park Middle School and was nominated by honors English teacher Ms. Alicia Winters.

"Erica is a model student in every aspect," said Ms. Winters. "Her work always shows 100 percent effort in everything that she does."

Erica has won many awards for academics and she is a member of the Honor Society. Erica has also been selected be participate in the Choctaw High School biomedical science program.

Erica's hobbies include Camp Fire USA, Ho Ho's Central Oklahoma Clown Alley and reading.

"My goal is to someday become a pediatrician," said Erica.

Dillon Walker Bolen

Dillon, son of M. Troy and Cheryl E. Bolen, of Roseville, Calif., is an August 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Leadership.

Dillon Walker Bolen

Dillon is in eighth grade at Silverado Middle School and was nominated by language arts teacher Ms. Debra Roland.

"Dillon Bolen is an outstanding student and citizen who deserve recognition for his many achievements," said Ms. Roland. "He has natural leadership skills that make him an asset to any classroom and to any organization."

Dillon has received awards and recognition from his school in the areas of citizenship, student leadership, academics and the President's Award for Educational Excellence.

Dillon's hobbies include football and track and field.

"I see myself finishing high school as a varsity starting tight end for the Timberwolves with a 4.0 GPA and receiving both academic and athletic scholarships to the universities of Oklahoma, Texas or California," said Dillon. "I plan on obtaining minimally a master's degree in biology with an emphasis in veterinarian, zoological or marine science."

Jazmyn Stick

Jazmyn, daughter of Steve and Dana Stick, of Ada, Okla., is an August 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for tribal language.

Jazmyn Stick

Jazmyn is in the fifth grade at Byng Elementary School and was nominated by Indian Education Coordinator Stephanie Del Frate.

"Jazmyn is a deserving young lady," said Ms. Del Frate.

Jazmyn placed third with her team at the 2010 University of Oklahoma language fair in the singing and dancing group category.

Jazmyn's hobbies include singing and playing with toy cars.

"My future plan is to own my own restaurant," said Jazmyn.

CONTRIBUTED BY Nicole Walls, Public Affairs.

'In His Gates'

In His Gates, from left, Troy Arterberry, Buck Byars, Nancy Wade, Allen Beck and Tony Walker extends a Thank You to The Chickasaw Nation, Temple of God and all our friends and family that helped with the opportunity for us to share Christ with the people of the Navajo Nation.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

In observance Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Chickasaw Nation Office of Violence Prevention presented the Lighthorse Police with goody bags. The gesture was to show the office's appreciation for all that the Lighthorse Police do for victims of domestic violence. Pictured from left to right are Nan Crow, Dalena Steidley, Karen Gaddis, Steve Cash, Randy Austin, Teresa Morgan, Ashley Griffin and Cathy Daniels.

September 2010 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Bridgette Bell

Bridgette, daughter of John and Lisa Bell, of Sulphur, Okla., is a September 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Athletics.

Bridgett Bell

Bridgette is a senior at Sulphur High School and was nominated by Johnson O'Malley coordinator Andrea Haigood.

"Bridgette deserves this award because of her hard work and dedication to Sulphur Public Schools Athletics," said Ms. Haigood.

Bridgette has been accepted into the athletic training program at the University of Oklahoma, where she will assist in helping athletes stay hydrated and with physical therapy.

Bridgette is involved with Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Key Club, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Student Council and Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi (Youth Leadership Chickasaw) program.

"I will attend the University of Oklahoma where I will be a pre-med student and major in nutritional sciences," said Bridgette. "I will then attend medical school and become a rheumatologist and open up a very affordable clinic and have a scholarship in my name."

Jacob Reirdon

Jacob, son of Lisa and Jack Reirdon, of Irving, Texas, is a September 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academic Achievement.

Jacob is a sophomore at MacArthur High School and was nominated by high school counselor Juan Herrera.

"Jacob is an outstanding student," said Mr. Herrera. "He is very strong academically as well as very involved in school extracurricular activities."

Jacob has been in advanced classes since the sixth grade and is in the school band.

"My future plans are to save up money after high school and get my pilots license," said Jacob.

Nicala Price

Nicala, daughter of Bobby and Vicki Price, of Ada, Okla., is a September 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academic Achievement.

Jacob Reirdon

Nicala is a junior at Latta High School and was nominated by language arts teacher Melinda Isaacs.

"Nicala has proven to be an excellent student with a very positive attitude," said Ms. Melinda Isaacs. "I feel that her attitude, effort and academic achievements make her a true leader in the junior class."

Nicala is on the varsity softball team and plays second base.

Nicala has As in all of her classes.

"I want to go to college for physical therapy," said Nicala.

Justice Dees

Justice, daughter of Windy and Brandon Dees, of Ada, Okla., is a September 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academic Achievement.

Nicala Price

Justice is in the seventh grade at Latta Jr. High School and was nominated by geography and science teacher Ed Collins.

"Justice has had an outstanding first month of school," said Mr. Collins. "Justice is always prepared for class and is a pleasure to have as a student."

Justice's hobbies include softball, basketball and reading.

Justice loves her family and is very social.

"My future plan is to be a bone doctor," said Justice.

Jayden Willoughby

Jayden, daughter of Mark Willoughby and Genia Harrison, of Ada, Okla., is a September 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.

Jayden Willoughby

Jayden is in the third grade at Latta Elementary and was nominated by third grade teacher Amy Mayhue.

"Jayden works very hard in both her grades and in her community," said Ms. Mayhue. "She is a precious child with a precious spirit."

Jayden's hobbies include building with blocks, cheerleading and arts and crafts.

Jayden enjoys spending time with her sisters and singing.

"My future plans are to become a Latta High School cheerleader and go to East Central University," said Jayden.

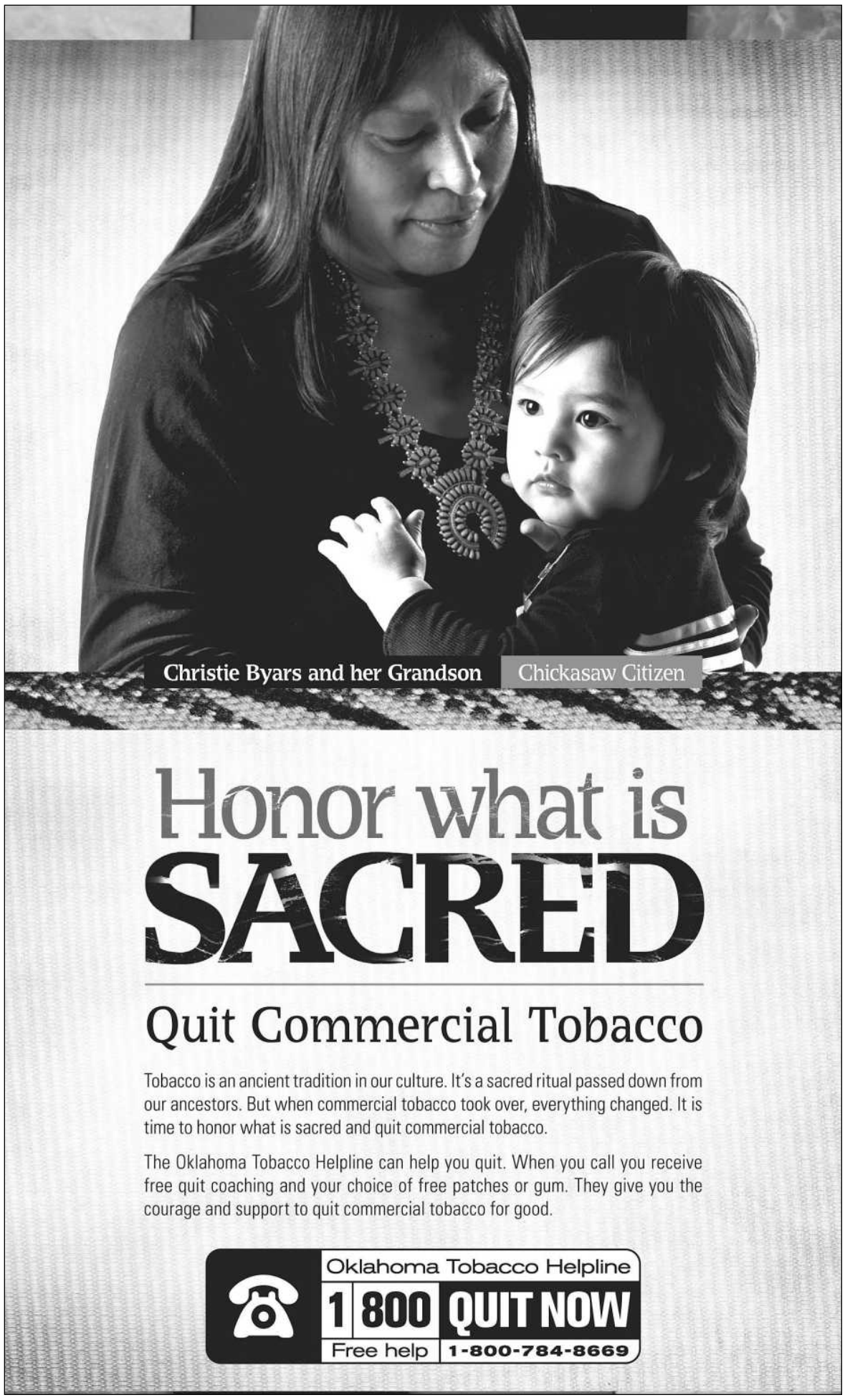
CONTRIBUTED BY Nicole Walls, Public Affairs

Letter to Editor

Thank you for printing how to make a Chickasaw dress in the tribal newspaper.

Maybe you could print instructions to make a Chickasaw net necklace and finger-woven belt in the future.

Thank you,
Darelene Fields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School to Work student finds school, job go together

Forrest Cheadle

A Chickasaw Nation School to Work student performing entry level responsibilities at his on-the-job-training program showcases the program's successful partnership with other tribal departments to enhance the education and experiences of Chickasaws.

Forrest Cheadle has been working as a project specialist for the Division of Housing and Tribal Development for the last two months.

Mr. Cheadle's responsibilities are similar to those of an entry level employee, according to Bobby Niblettt, project development manager and Mr. Cheadle's direct supervisor.

"That's what we expect him to be able to do for us and that's what he is certainly been able to do so far," Mr. Niblett said. "We expect him to be with us for several years and be a part of the team."

A freshman majoring in engineering at the East Central University in Ada, Okla., Mr. Cheadle recently had an opportunity to manage a project under supervision. His services included figuring out the schematics based on the descriptions provided by his seniors, performing elevation surveys, drawing loose blue prints, calculating the amount and price of the material required and submitting a final report, the 20-year-old said.

The School to Work student also said his responsibilities allow him to practically apply the "skills that seem more abstract" when taught in class.

"I come to work right after class and pretty much every day I find something that I have to do that I can immediately apply my classes to," he said. "In turn, it helps me on my test because I actually had to use the function in a practical application.

"School helps with work and work helps with school. It fits together in a way that I really didn't expect."

He also said that his work experience at the Division of Housing and Tribal Development is going to make him "stand out."

"It's going to be an excellent experience that I can put down on a resume for graduate school or another job in future," he said. "This is an opportunity of the lifetime."

Mr. Cheadle is an excellent example of School to Work students "putting out real quality work" benefitting the tribe and its various departments, according to Program Director Danny Wall.

"The program's goal is to put out a group of Chickasaws, trained and educated, ready to go into the tribe and surrounding communities and make an impact," he said.

More than 20 School to Work students are expected to graduate by the end of 2010-2011 academic year, adding to the pool of qualified Chickasaw citizens. Currently, there are about 70 students employed with the program.

About the School to Work Program

The School to Work Program helps eligible traditional and non-traditional Chickasaw students earn their education while maintaining employment through an on-the-job training program.

Students attend class and work in internship programs, typically in an area associated with their field of study. Students are considered employees and receive a paycheck and benefits for their efforts.

For more information, contact Valerie Nix at (580) 559-0815 in Ada or Don Mose at (580) 222-2839 in Ardmore.

CONTRIBUTED BY Sharmina Manandhar, tribal media relations.

Tribe earns two Red Bud Awards for tourism efforts

The Chickasaw Nation was the recipient of two Red Bud Awards at the annual Governors Conference on Tourism, conducted in Norman, Okla., Oct. 17-21.

The Chickasaw Nation was awarded first place in the Best Brochure or Publication: Single Sheet category for the DestiNATIONs Brochure and second place in the Best Partnership category for the Chickasaw DestiNATIONs DVD.

"There is no better way to showcase the diversity of travel opportunities in Oklahoma than by honoring the best each year and bestowing them with these prestigious awards," said Hardy Watkins, executive director of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department.

Sponsored by the Oklahoma State Department of Tourism and the Oklahoma Travel Industry, the Red Bud Awards are the state tourism industries' highest recognition to various organizations based on applications submitted in 16 tourism categories.

More than 110 entries were submitted for consideration in the contest.

Entries are evaluated by out-of-state judges based on criteria including customer service, marketing effectiveness, media relations, variety of audiences reached, value, and overall creativity.

Several special Oklahoma Ambassador Awards were also given out during the ceremony and recognized individuals who have made a positive impact on Oklahoma's image or tourism industry in the last year. For more information about Oklahoma's travel and tourism industry, visit www.TravelOK.com or www.OTIA.info.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

Cancer Institute barbecue Nov. 7 in Pauls Valley

Chickasaw Nation residents and friends are invited to enjoy barbecue and country swing during an event benefitting the OU Cancer Institute, Oklahoma's only comprehensive academic cancer center.

The event will be Sunday, Nov. 7, at the Bosa Community Center, 207 Bosa Ave. Lunch will be serviced from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with the dance following from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Organizer Freda Ozbirn, a cancer survivor and member of the OU Cancer Institute's statewide Board of Advocates, invites everyone to attend.

"We'll have wonderful food and great music to enjoy, all the while providing funds to improve the lives of cancer patients from across Oklahoma, Osbirn said. "Cancer affects far too many Oklahomans with devasting results, so this is an opportunity to help do something about it."

Music will be provided by the Desperados, composed of Curt Canada, Jim Beasley, Ray Deviney and Benny Kubiak.

In addition to a silent auction, a raffle is being conducted for a new saddle make by noted saddle maker Billy Cook. Tickets for the raffle are $1.

Lunch tickets are available for $10 and dance tickets are $5 per person. For additional information to purchase tickets or for accommodations on the basis of disability, please contact Ozbirn at (405) 665-4848.

The OU Cancer Institute was established after the Oklahoma Legislature called on the University of Oklahoma to assume statewide leadership in cancer prevention, research, treatment and education. It is working toward National Cancer Center "Designate Cancer Center" status the gold standard of cancer research and treatment.

The OU Cancer Institute will open a new clinical building at the OU Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City next June.

For more information about the OU Cancer Institute, visit www.OUCancer.org

Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop

1005 Chamber Loop, Ada, OK

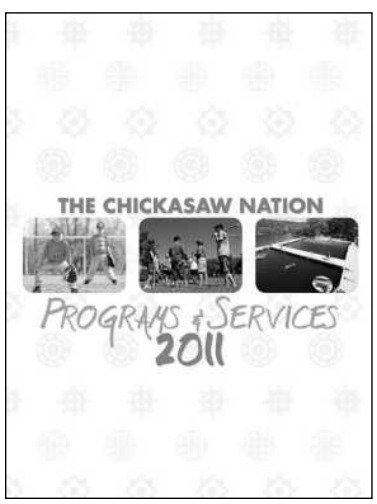
(580) 436-1007

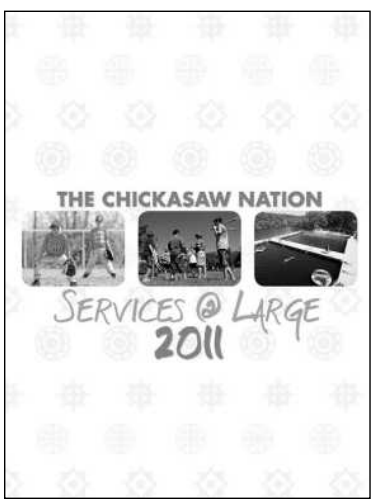
SW jewelry, dream catchers, caps and lots of Chickasaw items. Shop the Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop for all your gift giving items!

2011 Programs and Services and Services at-Large Directories coming soon

The tribal Programs and Services Directories contain information about all Chickasaw Nation programs and services. Inside the directories you will find program descriptions, important phone numbers and contact information, office locations and hours of operation, as well as program requirements.

Don't miss out on the opportunities available to you and your family. Reserve your copy by calling (580) 310-7903 or by visiting http://www.chickasaw.net/servicedirectory.





Chickasaw drivers do well at Bricktown 'Roadeo Cup'

Chickasaw Nation Road to Work driver Donny Price, left, and Ray Meely placed first and fourth, respectively in the Oklahoma Transit Driving Championships' "The Chase for the State Roadeo Cup" conducted Oct. 22 in Oklahoma City. Price competed in the Shuttle Bus Category and Meely competed in the Mini Van competition.

Chickasaw Nation Road to Work driver Donny Price, of Ada, takes his job very seriously and he was named "best of the best" in his field in a statewide competition.

He was awarded first place in the Oklahoma Transit Driving Championships, dubbed "The Chase for the State Roadeo Cup" conducted Oct. 22 in Oklahoma City at the Bricktown Ballpark parking area.

Price competed in the Shuttle Bus Category.

"It's an honor. It makes you feel good to know all the work and training we do to do our job right, pays off," said Price.

Drivers attend monthly trainings which cover topics including CPR, first aide and preventative vehicle maintenance.

Price has been driving for public transit more than six years. He has been driving the Road to Work Shuttle bus for almost three years.

Price will represent the Chickasaw Nation and Oklahoma in June in the National Paratransit Roadeo in Indianapolis.

Co-worker Ray Meely competed, for the first time, in the Mini Van Category and was awarded fourth place.

Meely, of Sulphur, has worked for the Chickasaw Nation Transportation department for about eight years."We are very proud of Mr. Price and Mr. Meely for their accomplishments, as well as the other Chickasaw Nation Transportation Service drivers who serve our community everyday. Our drivers participate in many hours of training to ensure we provide our clients and riders with the safest and most efficient transportation available," said Rick Miller, Chickasaw Nation Road to Work program manager.

During the competition, drivers traverse an obstacle course which includes 11 different vehicle maneuvers. Drivers must complete the driving course in less than seven minutes to qualify for an award.

Drivers are also scored in three other categories: the proper use of a wheelchair lift; conducting a pre-trip vehicle safety inspection; and must pass a written examination on rules of the road.

An Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper accompanied each driver on the obstacle course grading smoothness, signaling and observing safety measures. Oklahoma County Sheriff's Deputies timed one event for proper speed related to a judgment stop.

The event was sponsored by the Oklahoma Transit Association, a non-profit organization representing public and tribal transit systems.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

1st Oklahoma Transit Driving Championship Results

Shuttle Bus Category

Donny Price, Chickasaw Nation Transit, Ada

Jim Henning, OSU Transit THE BUS, Stillwater

Jim Cox, Lawton Area Transit System

Ila Shelton, KiBois Area Transit System, Stigler

John Mitchell, Southwest Transit, Altus

Mini Van Category

Dean Tuck, SORTS, Coalgate

Nancy Brown, Muskogee County Transit

Patty Justus, JAMM Transit, Atoka

Ray Meely, Chickasaw Nation Transit, Ada

Keith Foster, Red River Transportation, Frederick

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• No Paperwork
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• Confidentiality
• Re-ship Reminders and Quarterly Shipments
Indian Diabetic Services TRUEtest™ Strips are covered by Medicare Part B, most Medicaid, and many commercial insurance plans, including Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oklahoma.
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Chickasaw Foundation Announces Extension of Scholarships

The Chickasaw Foundation announces the extension of two scholarships. All scholarship applications must be delivered or postmarked by the stated deadline – December 31, 2010 to be considered for funding. Funding for the scholarships will begin with the spring 2011 semester and is dependent upon the availability of funding.

The first scholarship is the Chickasaw Foundation Nonprofit Management Scholarship. It is for full-time Chickasaw undergraduate students with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher. The student must be attending a four-year college or university pursuing a nonprofit management certification or a field of study related to the nonprofit arena.

The Chickasaw Foundation Career Technology Scholarship is for a Chickasaw Nation employee who is at least 18 years of age and a high school graduate. The student must be attending a career technology, vo-tech or trade school and maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

Students may contact the Chickasaw Foundation by any of the following means:

www.chickasawfoundation.org ~Website

ChickasawFoundation@chickasaw.net ~email

(580) 421-9030 ~Phone

(580) 421-9031 ~Fax

110 W. 12th Street, Ada, OK ~Physical Address

P.O. Box 1726, Ada, OK 74821-1726 ~Mailing Address

Employee Charitable Contribution Plan

The Chickasaw Foundation is greatly appreciative to employees who elected to donate to the Foundation through the Employee Charitable Contribution Plan (ECCP). We will mail receipts to ECCP participants who contributed over $250 to the Foundation during 2010. We will also issue receipts for those who contributed other amounts upon request. You may contact our office by calling (580) 421-9030 or by e-mail at ChickasawFoundation@chickasaw.net.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping to make a difference in the lives of others!

"The life of a man consists not in seeing visions and in dreaming dreams, but in active charity and in willing service" – *Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

Savannah Burchett Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month

Savannah Burchett

Ms. Savannah Burchett, a senior at Dickson High School, was selected Chickasaw Foundation (CFUB) Student of the Month for September 2010. Savannah has been an active participant in the CFUB program for the last three years. She is a member of the Superintendent's Honor Roll and participates in Family, Career, Community Leaders of America and Students Against Destructive Decisions.

Savannah has volunteered at the Chickasaw Nation Children's Fair each April and the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Evening. She is taking concurrent classes through the Ardmore Higher Education Center and is hoping to be her class valedictorian.

Savannah stated "I feel more prepared for college now because of Upward Bound and for that I am thankful." Congratulations, Savannah!

Chickasaw Foundation Friends of the Foundation

The Chickasaw Foundation invites you to the Friends of the Foundation Reception

November 19, 2010

Come and go from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

The Chickasaw Nation Community Center

700 N. Mississippi Ada, OK

A brief program and awards ceremony begins at 2 p.m.

A Native American artwork auction to follow

Please RSVP to (580) 421-9030 by November 12, 2010.

Upward Bound students participate in Southeastern homecoming

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Leadership Council Members include, from left, Tanner Britt, Shelby Hill, Christina Sullivan and Journie Gray.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound(CFUB) programs took part in the homecoming festivities at Southeastern Oklahoma State University (SOSU) located in Durant, Oklahoma on October 9, 2010. Students participated and got a first-hand look at how homecoming is celebrated on a college campus. Starting the day, students enjoyed a parade; this was followed by lunch on the lawn of the heart of the SOSU campus. Following lunch, students were treated with a walking tour of SOSU and all its facilities. During the tour students completed a worksheet based upon information received by the tour guides. The day ended at Paul Laird Field where they watched a SOSU football game against the visiting Southwestern Oklahoma State Bulldogs.

Recently, members of the of the CFUB Leadership Council attended the Southwest Association of Student Assistance Programs (SWASAP) Student Leadership Conference held at the Riverbend Retreat Center in Glen Rose, Texas.

Participating from our program included Tanner Britt, Shelby Hill, Christina Sullivan and Journie Gray. SWASAP recognized two of the CFUB students at the conference. Tanner was given a $250 award for Outstanding Leadership and Shelby received a gift bag & locker kit for Outstanding Volunteer Participation.

During the weekend, TRiO students from across the Southwestern portion of the country participated in numerous leadership building activities that were structured around finical literacy, college and career awareness, and team building. Ultimately, the skills acquired throughout the conference will strengthen the students' leadership abilities and will carry over to other students in Upward Bound.

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Chickasaw health care providers participate in Indian research conference

Front row from left, Preventive Health Informatics Program Manager for the Choctaw Nation Health Services David Wharton, Chickasaw Nation Diabetic Center Manager Bobby Saunkeah, Chickasaw Nation Epidemiologist Michael Peercy, Division of Health physician Dr. Tina Cooper, Division of Health Administrator Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Division of Health Director of Medical Support Services Sheryl Goodson, University of Oklahoma Health Science Center Associate Program Director Dr. John J. Mulvihill and Director of Health Research for Cherokee Nation Dr. Sohail Khan. Back row,

Several Chickasaw Nation Division of Health employees participated in a Native American research conference in Oklahoma City in August.

"Pathways to Wellness – Native American Research Partnerships" was presented by the Oklahoma Native American Research Centers for Health at the Cox Convention Center.

Diabetic Center Manager Bobby Saunkeah said the conference was a venue for academic researchers to "have dialogue or contact with" tribal Institutional Review Boards. Researchers involving human participation are required to be reviewed and approved by IRBs.

Mr. Saunkeah also said the conference was "an exciting opportunity to showcase what Oklahoma NARCH and young researchers in Oklahoma have been doing."

Mr. Saunkeah, along with Health Promotion Specialist Shondra McCage and Dental Hygienist Lacy Mann, participated in a panel discussion regarding community-based participatory research. Compared to traditional research, the community-based participatory research is a collaborative approach to research and involves community members' input.

Dr. Curtis Harris, chief of endocrinology and medical director for the Diabetes Care Center, talked about the history and function of IRBs while epidemiologist Michael Peercy, along with David Wharton, preventive health informatics program manager for the Choctaw Nation Health Services, presented information about the board's guidelines for what constitutes a human subject research project.

The conference also featured NARCH funded research presentations including Rheumatoid Disease in Native Americans, Native American Cultural Competency in Research and Oklahoma Native American Women's Osteoporosis Study.

NARCH student development project members from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center also presented posters at the two-day event.

About Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH):

The Native American Research Centers for Health is jointly supported by the Indian Health Service (IHS) and the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS). NARCH helps develop opportunities for conducting research, research training and faculty development to meet the needs of the Native American and Alaska Native communities and supports partnerships between the communities and the institutions that conduct intensive academic-level biomedical, behavioral and health services research. As a developmental process, the tribes and tribal organizations are able to build a research infrastructure, including a core component for capacity building and the possibility of reducing the many health disparities prevalent in Native American and Alaska Native communities. For more information, please visit http://www.ihs.gov/MedicalPrograms/Research/narch.cfm.

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Pink treadmills help spread word on breast cancer awareness

Glenda Carpitcher had never thought she would have to go through breast cancer.

"It was a really scary situation for me because it was something that was never done in my family," the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health employee said. "That was never part of our medical history."

The 10-year breast cancer survivor from the Women's Clinic was on hand at the Breast Cancer Awareness Health Fair in Ada Family Life Center Monday, Oct. 18 to talk about the importance of regular breast exams and mammograms.

"Breast exam is supposed to be done every month past the age of 40," she said.

She also said it was important to know one's family medical history to "get the kind of care you need in your life."

The health fair was organized to increase breast cancer awareness as well as encourage the use of the pink treadmills at the Ada and Ardmore wellness centers. For the second year, the Centers partnered with Cybex International, Inc. for the Pink Ribbon Run.

In support of National Breast Cancer Awareness month, Cybex donated 10 cents per mile to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation for every mile logged in October on the pink 750T Cybex treadmills.

Enthusiasm for the pink treadmills has increased this year with more and more Center patrons working out on them, according to Ada Wellness Center manager Melinda Ward.

"It helps them (patrons) but it also helps promote breast cancer awareness and that's what we are all about," she said.

Last year, about 563 miles were logged on the pink treadmill in Ada and 352 miles were logged on in Ardmore.

Also at the fair, a Nutrition Services booth provided healthy snack ideas and other nutrition information.

"Definitely nutrition plays a strong role in your health," said Community Dietician Adrienne Jacobs. "It just takes motivation and making it a priority and it does really impact your health for good."

Other resources given away at the fair were books, water bottles, fitness planners, breast self-exam reminder stickers and many more.

Glenda Carpitcher provides information about breast self examination and mammograms to Glenda Bray at the Breast Cancer Awareness Health Fair at the Family Life Center Oct. 18 in Ada, Okla.

The Ada Wellness Center is located at 229 West Seabrook Road. The Center is free to Chickasaw citizens, tribal employees and their immediate families and is open to the general public for a fee.

For more information, visit www.chickasaw.net or call (580) 310-9661.

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Flu Shot Clinic at Oklahoma City Area Office

Flu Shot Clinic at Chickasaw Nation Oklahoma City Area Office

When: 3 p.m. – 6 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 16

Where: 4005 N.W. Expressway, Suite 610, Oklahoma City, OK 73116

Must RSVP at 405-767-8971 by Wednesday, Nov. 10.

New tribal WIC EBT cards make shopping easy for Mom

Grocery shopping was quick and easy for Jessica Begaye on Monday, Oct. 4.

The Chickasaw Nation Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) client purchased her WIC foods along with other items in a single transaction. She used her new WIC Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card to pay for the WIC foods and paid the remaining balance in cash.

"This just makes it a whole lot easier," the 24-year-old mother of two said. "Before, I couldn't purchase my regular groceries with WIC foods. I had to separate them."

She also said she didn't have to purchase everything in her WIC food package.

"Earlier you had to get it all at once," the Stratford, Okla., resident said. "Now you can get what you need and leave the rest and come back and get it whenever you need it."

Beginning in October, Chickasaw Nation became the first WIC agency in the state of Oklahoma to issue benefits utilizing a magnetic strip card.

The online EBT card works just like a debit or credit card and replaces the traditional paper check or voucher. At the end of the transaction, a receipt is printed with information about remaining WIC food benefit balance.

"The new system saves time and reduces stress at the grocery checkout," said Nutrition Services Director Melinda Newport.

A toll-free customer service line is also available to help the families with any questions or problems regarding their WIC EBT cards. Customers will be able to get help 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week if:

- Their card is lost or stolen
- The card is not working
- They forgot their PIN or want to change it
- They need to know their WIC food benefit balance

The Chickasaw Nation WIC Program is also the first State Agency Model (SAM) system to utilize the online EBT card. The SAM Project is a Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) five-year initiative to plan, develop and deploy model information systems in WIC State agencies. There are three SAM systems, including Successful Partners In Reaching Innovative Technology (SPIRIT), of which Chickasaw Nation is a member.

The online EBT card is a new feature of the SPIRIT software system. Developed under the leadership of the Chickasaw Nation in 2007, the state-of-the-art certification system is used to determine eligibility and nutritional risk of the applicant, according to WIC Program Manager Debi Tipton.

The system has a robust data collection ability and allows WIC employees to easily modify the WIC foods offered (within regulation) to meet the needs of participants. Also, the paperless, web-based system enables participants to easily transfer from one clinic to another.

The system is currently being used by 13 Tribal WIC agencies in the SPIRIT consortium as well as three State WIC Agencies in Arkansas, Missouri and Montana. The system is scheduled to be transferred to two additional states in the upcoming months.

For more information, please call (580) 436-7255 or toll free number 1-888-436-7255.

Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chickasaw Nation Division of Health Administrator, center, presents Jessica Begaye, left, her new online WIC EBT card at the Chickasaw Nation WIC Clinic located at 1007 N. Country Club Road in Ada, Okla., Oct. 4. Tribal Nutrition Services Director Melinda Newport, right, holds Ms. Begaye's daughter Nizhoni Navarro.

About Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC):

The Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) is a program funded by the United States Department of Agriculture. It provides nutrition education as well as supplemental food package for the proper development of growing children from the prenatal period up to age five. A WIC food package includes milk, cheese, fruit juice, eggs, cereal, whole grains, canned fish, peanut butter, beans/peas as well as fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables. Chickasaw Nation WIC clinics are located in Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Sulphur, Pauls Valley, Purcell and Duncan.

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About Successful Partners In Reaching Innovative Technology (SPIRIT):

Jessica Begaye uses her new online WIC EBT card to purchase groceries at the Wal-Mart store in Ada, Okla. while Joy Standridge, Deputy Director of Nutrition Services, looks on. Photo by Sharmina Manandhar.

SPIRIT is one of the three State Agency Model (SAM) consortia selected to develop information systems in WIC State agencies. It is comprised of thirteen Indian Tribal Organizations within the states of Oklahoma and New Mexico, with the Chickasaw Nation as the lead State agency. Other members are: Muscogee Creek Nation, Wichita Caddo Delaware (WCD) Enterprises, Otoe-Missouria, Inter-Tribal Council (ITC) of Oklahoma, Osage Nation and Choctaw Nation from Oklahoma; and Acoma Canoncito & Laguna Hospital (ACL), Zuni Pueblo, Santo Domingo Pueblo, Five Sandoval Pueblos, Eight Northern Pueblos, and San Felipe Pueblo from New Mexico. For more information, visit http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/stateinformationsystems/SAMProjectoverview.htm.

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Full-time positions open at Chickasaw Nation Division of Health

Due to the expansion at the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health has full-time openings within the tribal boundaries for **Physicians in the following specialties:**

- Emergency Department, Ada
- Outpatient Internal Medicine, Ada
- Pediatrician, Ada
- General Dentist, Ada
- Psychiatrist, Ada
- Hospitalist, Ada
- Family Practice, Tishomingo

Other openings include:

- Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants in Ada, Durant and Tishomingo

For details on any of the professional positions, please contact:

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Chickasaw Nation Get Fresh! program announces classes

Ada Nutrition Services, 518 E. Arlington
Nov. 2: 10 a.m. and noon
Nov. 4: 10 a.m. and noon
Nov. 16: 10 a.m. and noon
Nov. 18: 10 a.m. and noon
Dec. 7: 10 a.m. and noon
Dec. 9: 10 a.m. and noon
Dec. 14: 10 a.m. and noon
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For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ada Family Life/Wellness Center, 229 W. Seabrook
Nov. 3: 10 a.m. and noon
Nov. 17: 10 a.m. and noon
Nov. 18: 6 p.m.
Dec. 8: 10 a.m. and noon
Dec. 15: 10 a.m. and noon
Dec. 16: 6 p.m.
For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ardmore Nutrition Services, 2350 Chickasaw Blvd.
Nov. 2: 10 a.m. and noon
Nov. 3: 10 a.m. and noon
Nov. 16: 10 a.m. and noon
Nov. 18: 10 a.m. and noon
Dec. 7: 10 a.m. and noon
Dec. 8: 10 a.m. and noon
Dec. 14: 10 a.m. and noon
Dec. 15: 10 a.m. and noon
For more information, call (580) 226-8289.

Purcell Nutrition Services, 1530 Hardcastle Blvd.
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Nov. 4: 10 a.m. and noon
Nov. 16: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
Nov. 18: 10 a.m. and noon
Dec. 7: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
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Pearl Carter Scott's brother survived combat wounds

Chickasaw fought in Normandy, Korea

In the early days of the Korean War, Sergeant George Washington Carter found himself in a heated argument with his Commanding Officer.

Sgt. Carter had been ordered to take his troops from their position on one hill down a valley and up an opposite hill occupied by heavily armed enemy forces. He had repeatedly told his CO that the mission was too dangerous – that too many men would be killed as they crossed the open valley.

His CO argued that the hill must be taken at any cost. Sgt. Carter said he might consider it if there was enough air support to provide some measure of protection for his men.

Finally, his CO had agreed to provide air support for the mission. While he was still waiting anxiously for air support to materialize, Sgt. Carter's CO told him to move out. When he again began to argue, his CO threatened him with the consequences of disobeying a direct order.

Knowing the potential danger, Sgt. Carter took a grenade in each hand and pulled the pin on each one before leading his men on this near-suicide mission.

As Sgt. Carter charged up the hill, he was suddenly knocked down by enemy fire. A bullet entered his shoulder, punctured his lung and finally exited near his spine, leaving a hole in his back nearly the size of his fist.

As he lay on his back barely able to move, he felt himself choking on his own blood. When he finally struggled onto his side enough to take a breath, he realized he had another urgent problem.

He still had a death-grip on the levers of two armed grenades. If he released the levers of those grenades they would explode in a matter of seconds.

In his weakened condition, he knew he could not hold the levers down long or throw the grenades very far. Desperately, Sgt. Carter looked around for another option. That is when he saw a cliff that dropped off not far to his left. While he wasn't sure if he had the strength to hurl the grenades that far, he knew it was his only hope.

"I took one of those grenades and gave it a pitch and it just went barely over that cliff and then went off," said Sgt. Carter. "I tried the other one and it did the same thing."

While that solved the most immediate problem, he knew he was by no means out of danger.

"I couldn't move. I was throwing up blood. I thought 'this is it,'" he said. "I tried to crawl, but I couldn't crawl. Then a couple of my boys from my platoon saw me. They said, 'hold on Sgt. Carter, we'll get you out of there.' And they did.

"One of them got under one arm and one got under the other and they drug me back over the hill out of the line of fire."

Later, he was loaded onto a stretcher and onto a Jeep which took him to an already overcrowded field hospital. Because of the crowded conditions, Sgt. Carter was forced to wait on a stretcher in a nearby orchard until he could be moved into the hospital for treatment.

Because of the extent of his injuries, Sgt. Carter was soon discharged.

Ironically, those injuries came after Sgt. Carter had survived the D-Day Invasion, one of the deadliest battles of World War II.

A member of the National Guard, Sgt. Carter was called into active service while a senior at Marlow (OK) High School.

Not long after, he found himself among the thousands of soldiers who stormed the beaches of Normandy on June 6, 1944.

After exiting his landing craft with dozens of other soldiers, George Carter was trudging through the shallow water and rough seas on his way to the beach when he heard someone calling out his name.

He turned just in time to help save one of his fellow soldiers from drowning.

While he had pulled the man out of the water, it could not be said that he pulled him to safety. Instead, they came onto a beach where they had to negotiate a minefield amidst a barrage of enemy fire.

"There were dead soldiers and wounded soldiers all around us," said Sgt. Carter, who added that they were advancing into rifle fire and machine gun fire.

Mines were also a major concern for those who stormed the beaches during the invasion.

"You had to be careful (of the mines). The combat engineers had mine detectors," said Mr. Carter. "They'd go in front of you and find the mine. It would be under the sand a little bit. They had people that would deactivate them."

More than 4,200 American and Allied soldiers lost their lives during the D-Day invasion, according to figures compiled by the National D-Day Memorial Foundation.

George Carter was one of those who made it through the invasion to fight his way through the hedgerows and villages of the French country side in the coming months.

George Carter shows his medals to Cameron Rostami, the young actor who portrayed George as a child in the movie "Pearl."

He said along the way, many of the French people would come out of hiding to express their appreciation.

"The French people sure were glad to see us," he said. "They would hug us and kiss us."

George Carter returned to the U.S. just before the end of World War II. He worked for a time as an iron worker before reenlisting.

George Carter is the son of the late George and Lucy Carter.

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Project under way to preserve stories of Chickasaw Veterans

The story of George Carter is one of many which will be included in a project designed to preserve the stories of Chickasaw veterans. Hundreds of Chickasaw men and women have served honorably in the U.S. armed forces during World War I, War II and the Korean War. The stories of these veterans are important to the history of the Chickasaw Nation and should be preserved.

We are gathering information and conducting interviews as part of a project to preserve the individual stories of Chickasaw veterans.

If you have information about Chickasaws who served in World War I, World War II or Korea, please contact Tony Choate at 580-310-6451 or email tony.choate@chickasaw.net .

Chickasaw Nation Landscaping Distribution Seminar Set

Make plans to attend the Chickasaw Nation landscaping products distribution program seminar, set for 5:30 p.m., Tues., Nov. 9 at the old Chickasaw Nation Gym, 520 East Arlington, Ada, Okla.

Chickasaw homeowners or those purchasing a home are eligible to receive trees, shrubs, and sod for their home.

Attending the seminar is a requirement to participate in the landscaping products distribution. Topics covered include how to care for and tend the vegetation.

Participants must provide the following documentation; copy of Chickasaw citizenship card, utility bill and proof of homeownership (warranty deed, insurance binder or letter from the lender.)

For more information, contact Patty Daniels at 580-235-6582.

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LIST OF CHICKASAW VETERANS

This list of Chickasaw veterans is published as part of Veterans' Day observances to honor those who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces of the United States.

All Chickasaw veterans are eligible to receive a jacket and a medal recognizing and commemorating their service.

For information or assistance, or to add a Chickasaw veteran who does not appear on this list, call (580) 226-4821 or 1-888-808-9508 (toll free).

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Adcock, David Eugene – Army
Adkins, William Powell Jr. US Navy Signalman First Class
Alberson, Steven
Ahtone, Mary – Army E-3
Aiken, Floyd
Aldridge, Gene – Army Cpl.
Aldridge, Phillip – Navy Cmdr.
Alexander, J.D.
Allen, Franklin Dee – Army Sgt.
Allison, Matt – Navy
Allison, Robert Wade – Army
Allison, Heath
Amerson, James E.
Anderson, Donald
Anderson, John
Anderson, Tim – Navy
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Andrews, Robert
Andrews, Vernon, R. Army 1st Cavalry WWII
Anoatubby, Gene
Anoatubby, Russell – Air Force AIC
Anthony, James L. – Air Force
Apala, Lemuel
Apala, Michael – Air Force reserve
Apala, Robert
Archer, Brian D. – Army NG
Armstrong, Amos B.
Armstrong, Kerry M. – Army
Arpelar, Eugene R. – Navy Korean Conflict
Asbury, Ed Army WWII
Atkins, Dave Bailey, Larry WWII
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Beck, Eddie G. - Army
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Beck, Tommy Army Vietnam Era
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Belvin, Wendell
Benson, Billy – Army Air Troop Cpl.
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Blocker, Edward L. Air Force
Blocker, Ronald O. Air Force Somalia – Desert Storm
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Browning, Samuel – Army/Airforce/Navy
Browning, Zane – Army/Airforce
Browning, Joseph – Army
Browning, Winston M.*- Lance Cpt. U.S. MC
Browning, Kenneth D.* - PFC, U.S. Army
Browning, George W. * - Sgt. U.S. Army
Brumley, Leland J.
Bruton, Scott Alan – Marines
Bryant, Billy F. –Army, Navy, Air Force
Bryant, James H.—Army WWII
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Burton, Richard – Army Lieutenant Colonel - Vietnam Era
Buzzard, Debra G. – Army E-4
Bryant, Tommy Lee Air Force Vietnam Era
Burnett, Billy D. – Air Force, Captain Fighter Pilot WWII and Korea
Burton, Richard
Byars, Harrison
Byers, Jack – Army
Byers, Jerry Duane – Air Force Major
Byers, John Williams – Navy
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Bynum, Lola Air Force WWII Cpt. War Department
Bynum, Murle C. Navy Korean War
Bynum, Ray C. Navy WWII Gunners Mate
Byrd, Roy Neal Army WWI Cpl.
Byrd, Roy Neal Jr. Army

LIST OF CHICKASAW VETERANS

Campbell, Roy Lee – Army
Capes, Bennie G.* - Navy Boatsman Third, WWII Jan. 1941 - April 1945, Pacific
Capes, David* Army, Korean War
Capes, Robison* Army, Korean War
Capes, Walter – Navy Sea Bees Seaman 1st Class
Carney, Von E. –Army
Cardinal, Leo Jr. – Air Force Air 1st Class
Carpenter, George – Navy
Carroll, Frank Charles Vietnam and Korean Conflict
Carroll, Joe WWII
Carroll, Jeffery Joe Vietnam and Korean Conflict
Carter, Charles Travis
Carter, George W. Army – WWII – Korean Conflict
Carter, V.C. – Marines Cpl
Carter, Woodrow - Army-Navy 1st Class
Carter, Virgil E. Marines Corporal
Carter, Franklin Delene – Army
Cathcart, Billy W. Air Force
Catoe, Rusty Colbert - Navy
Chase, Danny Air Force Vietnam Era
Chase, Grove Navy WWII
Chase, Kennen Marines Vietnam Era
Chase, Richard Marines Vietnam Era
Chase, William
Chambers, John W. – Army
Chambers, John W. Jr. - Army
Cheadle, Overton* – Navy 1st Class Petty Officer
Cheadle, Robert M. – Marines – Vietnam Era
Cheadle, Tammie
Christie, Franklin D. – Army E-5
Christie, Elmer T. – Army
Christie, Thomas E.—Navy Vietnam Era
Clark, Donald C.
Clark, Donald R. Korean Era
Clark, Harlon U.S. Coast Guard
Clark, Leslie - Navy
Clark, Samuel – Army Staff Sgt.
Clark Jr., Alex – Air Force
Clay, Donald
Clay, Kenneth
Clay, William J.
Clifton, Richard W.
Clow, Angelique Estelle
Cobb, Andrew J. Jr. – Air Force
Cobb, Andrew J. Sr. – Army
Cobb, Robert
Cohee, Larry E. – Army
Cohee, Carson – Army Pvt. 1st Class
Cohee, R. C. – Army E-7
Colbert, Bruce Ray - Army N.G. Spec. 5 Discharge
Colbert, James Marines E4
Colbert, Murray
Colbert Sr., Walter J., Army
Colbert, Charles H. – Air Force
Colbert Jr., Walter J., - Army
Cole, John - USAF
Colee, Larry E. – Army
Collins, Laverne –Army WWII
Collins, Leroy - Army
Collins, Virgil Cornelius Navy
Colson, Thomas Miller Jr. – Navy, Marines
Connelly, John W. - Ary Cpl. WWII
Connelly, R.E. Army PFC Infantry
Connelly, William Ambrose - Army WWI
Cook, Lemuel Dale
Cooper, Tom – Army Sgt. 1st Class - Vietnam Era
Cooper, Warren G.
Couchman, Charles E. – Army
Couchman, Gene –Army
Courtney, Bernard
Courtney, Howard
Courtney Jr., William Brooks * – Navy
Cox, David H.
Cox, Lowell –Navy NBMS - Vietnam Era
Coyle, RC. – Marines – Cpl
Crabtree, Roger Dale – Air Force Lt. Col.
Cravatt, Munsy
Cravatt, Lee
Cravatt, Wayne
Crawford, Andrew Phillip – Army
Crawford, Dennis – Army
Craw, Darin A. – Navy
Crow, Lavoyd Lee – Air Force
Crow, Samuel Franklin – Air Force
Culbert Cubby -
Cumins, Eddy - Air Force
Cunatubby, Daniel - Army
Curtis, Elmer Navy WWII
Darter, Ralph – Army Pvt. 1st Class
Davis, Benjamin
Davis, Larry Neal - Marines
Davis, Randall, E. Army 716th MP BN
Davis, Russell
Davis, Micheal A. – Navy
Dawkins, Wallace W. – Army
Dawkins, Wallace Willie – Army WWII
DeGraff, George C.
Dickerson, Jim—Marines
Duckworth, Wiley Jay* - Army WWI
Duckworth, Wiley Joe - Army WWII
Dunn, Billy Joe Navy Vietnam Era
Dunn, Mike - Army
Dunn, Ray - Army E-5
Dunning, Christy Sue
Durant, Preman John Army WWI
Durant, Calvin Eugene * (Buck) Army, WWII
Durant, Ethan * – Army, Air Force, WWII
Durant, Albert – Army, WWII (In Germany)
Durant, Calvin Eugene – Army PFC
Duston, Guy - USMC Cpl
Duty, Clint
Duty, David Marines
Dyer, Buck * – Army
Ebisch, James – Army
Ebisch, Raymond R. –Army, Korean Conflict
Ebisch, William R. –Army, WWII
Eddlemon, Dewey Lee
Edwards, Leon – Navy Sea Bee 2nd Class
Edwards Jr., James M. – Navy
Egge, Walter B. IV Navy Lt. Supply officer
Egge, Val Jack – Marines E-3
Elliot, John Cyrus
Ellis, John – Army E-4
Elkins, James – Army NG
Engle, David
Engles, Lynn
Farris, Amos
Farris, George Perrin
Farris, David Thomas
Farris, Joe Weldon
Farve, Emil Jr. – Army
Farve, Kern – Army NG
Fillmore, John Warren - Army
Flowers, William – Army
Floyd, D. Rush -
Folsom, Charles – Army
Foraker, Bob – OK NG Company C 279 Inf. 45th Division E-5
Fox, Larry Don – NG E-4
Fox, Lyndal—Army
Fulsom, Charles
Frazier, Bill – Marines Cpl.
Frazier, Leonard Ray
Frazier, Dennis Jay – Navy E-3
Gabehart, Gary Joseph
Gabehart, Joe
Gabehart, Richard A. – Army
Gardner, H.D.
Gardner, Roger

Garrison, Marvin Earl
Gaskell, Mary Alice
Gause, Jim – Navy E-5
Gerard, Linda Kay – Navy LTJG
Gibbonns, Casey Army
Gibson, Lenard
Gilmore, Owen – Coast Guard Boatsman 2nd Class
Glase, Danna Gail – Army E-4
Glasgow, Harry E. – Air Force Lt. Col.
Glasgow, Robert H.—Air Force
Goebel, Caleb – Air Force
Goforth, Bill* – Army Staff Sgt
Goforth, Murray – Navy PN 2nd Class
Goforth, Tom F. – Air Force
Good Jr., Elmer – Nay Apprentice Seamen, M-1
Gooding, Norman Gene – Army
Goodman, Harvey
Goodman, Oscar – Army – Reserve
Goodman, Roger – Army
Goodman, Charles Edward – OK NG 45th Division Cpt.
Goodwin, Billie, J. - Air Force
Gorrell, Dixon – Ma4rines Cpl.
Grace, Jackie C. Navy U.S. Navy Aviation AD2
Graff, Thomas Dean – Navy 2nd Class Q.M. Vietnam Era
Graff, Micheal Lee – Army E-4
Graff, David Wayne – Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Vietnam Era
Green, Carl – Army Spc. 4
Green, James T. – Army Tech 5
Greenwood, Harvey A. –Air Force
Greenwood, Marion—Army
Greenwood, Leon Army Vietnam Era
Greenwood, Robert Marines Vietnam Era
Greenwood Earl - Marines
Greenwood, Sim – Army Pvt.
Greenwood, Virgil J.
Greer, James R. – Navy
Greer II, Todd D. – Navy OIE
Grellner, Thomas - Navy
Grellner, Tom - Navy Cryptology Detachment
Griffin, John – Army
Griffin, Clyde F. – Army WWII
Grizzle, Dr. John Dale – Army
Grizzle, John Dale II – Army
Grizzle, Robbie W. – Air Force Sgt.
Guardalibene, Chuck
Guess, Earnest - Air Force Sgt. – WWII 1945
Guiou, Russell Alan – Army N.G.
Gunning, Robin
Haddock, Russell Navy
Haddock, Nicky M. Navy
Halsell, Thomas
Hammond, Mark Army Spc 5 - Med Specialist
Harlin, James Jr. – Air Force Cpt.
Harris, Richard D. –Air Force Vietnam Era
Harris, Thurl Eugene
Harrison, Jed Lewis
Hartwell, Joe – Army Cpl 54th Div.
Hartwell, Edward – Army Sgt
Hartwell, Porter – Army Cpl
Hatcher, Charles
Hawkins, Larry – National Guard Major
Hawkins, Joseph C. – Army Pvt.
Hawkins, Jimmy R.—Air Force
Hawkins, John – Air Force WWII
Hawkins, Kenneth* Vietnam Era
Hawkins, W.O. –Navy, WWII
Hawley, Ronald W. Army Vietnam Era
Hawley, R. Michael Navy
Hamilton, Andris
Hamilton, Joseph
Hankey, Don Reid
Harris, Delos - Army, WWI
Harris Jr., Robert L. – Marine
Hayes, Don Army Vietnam
Hayes, Ron - Marines
Hays, Wiliam – Army Spc. 4
Heald, Kenneth Dale – Air Force
Heath, Sandra Kay – Marines
Hefley, Earl William
Henderson Jr., Richard S. – Army and Air Force 1 Lt.
Henry, Terry - Army
Henry, Terry F.
Hensley, Harold – Navy Seaman 1st Class
Hensley, Jackie – Army Medical Corp Master. Sgt
Henson, Ivy Navy Seaman 1st Class
Hestor, Louis Joe Dean – Army
Hestor, Melton G. – Army Pfc.
Hestor, Cloise "Dean" – Army E-4
Hewett, Justin – NG
Hewett, Kyle - NG
Hickman, James – Army Lt.
Hicks, Deloyd – Navy TM 2
Hicks, Jack Walton
Hitchcox, Chester – Marine
Hobbs, John F.
Hodges, Gary Dale Vietnam Era
Hodges, James – Army Staff Sgt.
Hogan, Kenneth L. – Navy
Hogland, Thomas
Holland, Gerald
Holder, Johnson
Hollopeter, Billy Wolf Army Vietnam Era
Hollopeter, Wiley Ray Navy Vietnam Era
Holmes, John
Holt, Gale B. - Merchant Marines - WWII
Holt, Jimmy E. Sr. – Army WWII
Holt, Jimmy E. Jr. – Army
Horne, Donnie S.
Horton, Adrian – Army
Howard, Gerald
Humes, James
Hyden, Preston Marines
Inmon, Regina Bond – Air Force
Ivey, Lonny D. - Army
Ivey, Ronald D. Air Force Vietnam Era
Jack, Billy – Navy
Jackson, Floyd* Korean War
Jackson, Reynolds H. - Marines
James A. Howard – Army PFC
James, Alvin – Army PFC 1st Class Vietnam, Korean wars
James, Bradford D. –Army
James, Overton Navy
Navy reserve
OK. National Guard
James, Jimmy
James, Gilbert W. - Navy
Jefferson, Gene
Jennings, Robert
Jennings, Harold R. – Navy WWII
Jennings, Jimmie D. – Army Pfc.
Jennings, Daniel
Jennings, Murial Davis
Jennings, Richard Dorsey
Jimmy, William
Johnson, Bobby – Navy E-4
Johnson, Calvin – Army Pvt. 1st Class
Johnson, George – National Guard Staff Sgt.
Johnson, Elvis Army Persian Gulf 101st AB
Johnson, James Air Force T Sgt.
Johnson, Rusty L.—Navy Desert Storm
Johnson, Victory E. – Army Pvt
Johnson Jr., Freddie Lee – Ok. Army NG
Johnston, Orin
Johnston, Ralph C.
Johnston, William C. – Army WWII
Johnston, Jerry M.
Jones, Charles Lee
Jones, Doug – Air Force

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Jones Jr., Fred B. – Air Force
Jones, Billy L. – Air Force
Jones, Purman – Army
Jopling, Richard J.
Jordan, James
Kale, Claywood D. Navy WWII
Kale, Carroll Wayne Army Berlin Crisis – Korean War – Vietnam Era
Kale, Douglas Army Bermuda Base Command Sergeant
Kale, Henry A Jr. Army Korean War
Kale, Jack C. Navy WWII
Kale, Kenneth M. Navy Korean War
Kale, Wilson Army
Keel, Franklin
Keel, Owen
Keel, Jefferson Vietnam Era
Keel, Lewellyn – Air Force Sgt.
Keel, Tommy Vietnam Era
Keel, Leland David – Army
Keel, David Stenson - Marine
Kelley, Mark Owens Navy Second Class Petty Officer
Kemp, Raymond H. US Army World War I
Kemp, Joe Carr US Army World War II and the Korean War
Kemp, Joe F.
Kemp, Charles H. US Air Force
Kemp, Mark L. –Army
Kemp, Robert Joe – Army Corporal
Kennedy, Elmer Curtis –Navy WWII
Kennedy, Patrick Navy
Kennedy, William D. Navy WWII
Kerr, David W.
Kimberlin, Dave – Navy
Kincaid, Robert Louis –Navy WWII
Kincaid, Robert Louis Jr.—Navy Vietnam
Kincaid, Roy Sullivan –Air Force
Kinney, Mack – Army Sgt.
Kline, Tommy - Navy - WWII - 1943-46
Knight, James L. – Lt. Col., Army
Krebbs, Ralph Odell
Lacy, William Herschel
Lake, Larry G. – Army
Lamark, Alicia M. – Air Force
Lampkin, Billy Dean – Army Sgt.
Lampkin, Hubert I.
Lampkin, William W. –Navy
Lance, Glenn –Navy WWII
Landreth, Dewey W. - USMC - WWII and Korea
Landreth, Knute* - Army - WWII, Korea and Vietnam
Landreth, Knute Jr. - Army - Vietnam
Landreth, Robert Z.* - USMC - WWII and Korea
Latta, Lee A. – Navy WWII – Lt.
Lattie, James – Marines- Vietnam
Laughlin, Tommy Eugene
Lavers, David M.
Lawson, Benny – Army Sgt.
Laxon, Lonnie L.
Laxon, Eugene V.
Leader, Rick – Army
Leader, James L. – Marine
Leslie, Glen Leon * –Army Korean Conflict
Leslie, Harvey L. – Army
Liddell, Billy
Liddell, Charles P.
London, Clyde C. Air Force Vietnam-Korea (retired)
London, Jeremiah Army
London, Larry Navy
London, Gary Army
London, Murphy Lee – Army
Longacre, J.C. – Air Force
Love, L. D. Army Pvt.
Love, Lester – Marines-PFC
Love, Rici G. – Air Force
Lowrance Jr. Oscar * – Coast Guard
Lowrance, Millard F.* – Army WWII/Korean Conflict Cpt.
Lyda, Dottie – Army – Captain
Lyda, Tommy
MacDonald, George Daniel – Army
Malaney, Dennis – Army
Malaney, jerry - Army
Marler, Loretta – Navy – SA
Marris, John W.
Mason, Roy
Maupin, Stephen Air Force
Maupin, Tony Air Force
Mayes, Harmon A. – Air Force
Maytubby, Army - WWI
Maytubby, Lymon J. - Army Captain - Vietnam Era
Maytubby, Melvin – Navy
Maytubby, Benny – Army
Maytubby, Bryon L. * – Army Air Force WWII
Maytubby, David Allen
Maytubby, Morris
Maytubby, Samuel Winchester
Maytubby, William Dudley *
McCarter, Raymond Gene
McCarty, Jerry
McClelland, Bradley Leon –Navy, Army Reserves
McClure, David A. – Navy WWII
McClure, Stephen T.
McCormick, Nicky – Navy – Seaman 1st Class
McCormick, Nicodemous * – Navy—Seaman 1st Class Korean Conflict Seaman
McCoy, Samuel – Army Sergeant E-5 Vietnam Vet
McCurry, Donna
McCurtain, Carrol – Army
McCurtain, Charles R. – Army
McCurtain, Jerry
McCurtain, Lynn – Army
McDanel, Billy Ray
McDanel, J.D.
McDonald, Jack Nathaniel
McDonald, Larry
McDonald, George Daniel – Army
McDonald, James – Army –
McDonald, Alma Ellen (Carvel) - Navy
McKellop, Cody - U.S. Army
McKellop, Cody Kim
McKellop. Louie
McKee, Donald
McKee, Johnnie
McKee, William Franklin
McLaughlin, Joe C. –Army
McNeely, William C.
Mead, Billy – Army
Meeks, Billy N.
Meeks, Kevin D. – Army NG
Mellor, William Bruce* - Army Korea 40th Infantry Division
Melville, Newton Navy
Metzger, Steven - Army
Miller, Bobby William
Miller, Colson Thomas Jr. –Navy
Miller, David Weston – Army
Miller, James Lewis – Army Pvt. 1st. Class
Mitchell, Billie Louise - Army
Mitchell, Jay - Army National Guard Chief Warrant Officer
Mitchell, V.D. – Marines – Gunnery Sgt.
Mobley, Gordon E. – Army
Mole, Gaylord
Monroe, Leonard
Moody, Steven Douglas – Army
Moore, Bonnie Durant
Moore, James D. L. Jr.
Moore, Tommy L.
Moore, Merle E. – Air Force
Moore, Victor Ray – Air Force E-5
Moore, Alexander K. – Air Force Reserve / Marine
Morin, Lavern P. P.F.C.
Morris, Steven E. –Army Vietnam Era
Morris, William E.—Navy Vietnam Era

Mose, Dorsey
Mowdy, James Keith
Mulligan, Lura
Mullins, James
Mundy, James B.
Mutz, Louis Platoon Sergeant
Nance, Rex G. –Navy WWII
Neal, Mouzon, E. - Army - WWII
Neal, Rev. Oliver B. Jr.
Neal, Oliver B. III - Army Vietnam Era
Neasbitt, John Talley *– Army
Ned, Morris – Army
Ned, Morris Aubrey
Ned, Morris Homer -
Ned, Morris Ridgely - Army
Ned, William, Navy – E-5
Ned-Deal, Amanda
Nelson, Floyd Jr.—Army
Nelson, Franklin – Army
Nelson, William
Neumeyer, Matthew P. - Army Company Cmdr.
Nichols, Jerald
Nichols, Robert E. USCG - Seaman First Class, - WWII
Norman, Harley
Norman, J.D. – Army/Navy – GM2/MSG
Norman, Jerry
Norman, Weldon – Army – 1st Class
Northcutt, Darrell
Norton, Fred Jr.
Norton, Joe Allen – Army N.G.
Norman, Harley Curtiss - Navy
Norvell, John – Army – SP-4
Norvell, Perry – Marines – Pvt.
Norvell, Glynn – Army – Sgt.
Nowlin, Gary W. - Army
Nowlin, Phillip - Army
Nowlin, Raymond L.* - Army - Korean War
Nowlin, Raymond L. - Marines
Nowlin, Steve W. - Army Drill Sgt.
Orphan, Rita – Navy – E-3
Orphan, Levi – Army – Airborne Master-Seargent
Orphan, Ray
Orr, Howell
Orr, Joe – Army – SFC
Owens, Frank – Army – PFC (Aircraft)
Owens, Benny – Air Force – Private
Owens, Johnny (Buck)* - Korean War
Paschall, Perry A. Jr. – Army Vietnam Era
Palmer, Eddie
Palmer, Frank Benjamin – Army
Palmer, Chris
Parker, Ron – USMC – Sgt.
Parker Jr., John Westley – Navy
Parnacher, Floyd – Navy – Apprentice
Patton, Johnny Boyd – Air Force
Paul, Larry J. – USMC - Bronze Star
Paul, Stephen S. Marines
Paul, Tommy Allen – Army
Paul, William D. Marines – Vietnam
Payne, Jerry Navy
Percival, Howard – Navy CB – 2nd Class
Perkins, James – Army
Perriman, Laurence R.
Perry, Albert Jr.
Perry, Norman F.
Perry, Jim – Army – S-4 Sgt
Perry, Lee Roy – Army N.G.
Pershica, Jerry Lee
Pershica, M.F. – Army – Private-Combat Engineer
Perschica, Harrison McLane *– Army/ Korean Conflict
Pettenridge, Charles
Pettigrew, William – Air Force – Cpl.
Pettigrew, Thomas Allen Caston – Marine Pvt.
Phillips, Raymond Leon – Army Cpt.
Pich, Charles
Pich, Clyde James - Army
Pich, David Army Vietnam Era
Pich, Jackie R.
Pich, Joseph
Pich, Michael
Pich, Randall
Pich, Roger L.
Pich, Russell
Pickens, Dave* - WWI
Pickens, John Thomas* - Marine Corps - Korea
Pickens, Sherman Craig - Navy
Pike, Bennie A.
Pittman, Kenneth – Army – PFC
Pittman, Robert J.
Poe, David – National Guard – Staff Sgt.
Poe, J.C. – National Guard – Staff Sgt. E6
Polk, Tommy dean
Poteat, Micheal – Army
Potts, Bill
Powell, Clifford Alan – Army Spc. 4
Powell, George –Navy
Powell, Leo—Army WWII
Powell, Joel Preston, Sr. – Army
Powell, Johnny Thomas – Navy
Powell, Robert Lynn – Army Spc. 4
Powell Jr., Preston – Army Air Force
Powell, Cecil Coy – Army
Powell, Kenneth Eugene – Air Force
Powell, Robert David – Army
Powell, John Blair Air Force
Powell, Roy Bert
Powell, Scott WWI
Powell, Vernon Ellis Air Force
Price, Larry Joe – Navy
Price Jr., Theron – Army and NG
Puller, John – Army – Tech 5th 2nd Division
Puller Jr., Jackson – Army Sgt.
Pulliam, Elliott – Army – PFC
Pulliam, Marvin – Army – E-4
Quincy, W.W. (Bill) Jr. WWII
Quick, David Thomas – Air Force Msqt.
Rainner, Charles
Ramsey, Tecumseh – Army – Staff Sgt.
Rankin III, Hugh Bennett – Air Force
Ratliff, John*
Ray, Brian Wade – Navy
Ray, Ernest
Ray, Jerry
Ray, Joseph
Reams, Ms. Terri – Air Force ANG
Ream IV, Robert L. - Navy
Reed, Mike
Reed, Warren – Army-USAF – Sgt.
Reed, Hiawatha – T/5
Reed, Paul – Army – PFC
Reich, Dana Army
Renfro, Gary Don - Army
Rich, Perry - Marines
Richards, Charles – Army VetCorp – Sgt.
Richardson, Johnny – Army - Private
Rider, Anthony "Tony" - USMC
Ridley, Jerry – Army – Cpl.
Riggs, Darral Wayne – Navy
Ringer, Charles W. – Navy RM2
Ringer, Charles W. – Navy RM5 Vietnam Era
Risdon, Raygon L. –Navy WWII
Rivas, Charles
Roark, Wayne Everett
Roberts, Brenda
Roberts, Hubert Dennis – Air Force
Roberts, Hubert Dennis Jr. – Air Force
Rochelle, Wendell K. – Army
Rodden, Jimmy – Army

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Rodgers, Beverly
Rodke, R.B. WWII
Rogers, Roger – Army
Rolin, Roy WWII – Korean
Roller, Greg – U.S. Coast Guard
Ross, Herman Wilson* - WWI Pacific
Ross, Bob – Army – Sgt.
Ross, David –Army
Ross, John
Rowles, Joe F.
Saiser, Richard R. - Air Force FAC-interpreter - Vietnam Era
Sanders, James Hugh
Sanders, Micheal Edwards – Marine
Sanders, Steven Jessie – Navy
Sanders, Larry Ray – Army Msqt.
Sands, Johnny ray
Saxon, Alice
Scoggin, Henry B.* - StaffSgt. WWII
Scoggins, Joe E.
Scott, Bill Army Korean War
Scott, Carter Army Korean War
Scott, Jimmie - Army Reserve Major - active duty in Camp Ashraf, Iraq (present)
Scribner, Theodore Roosevelt - Army Major - Vietnam
Sealey, Lenard
Seeley, Ben
Seeley, Bernie – Army – SSG
Seeley, Joseph Booth * – Army Sgt. – WWII
Seely, Leslie
Sealey, Gerald – Navy E-5
Sharpe, Mack Marines
Shavney, Beulah M. - Aux Corp Gene - Army
Shearer, Philip Rannel – Army N.G.
Sheppard, James—Air Foce
Shields, Charles – Army
Shields, Homer - Army
Shico, Donald * Vietnam Era
Shipman, D.C. —Army WWII
Shipman, Floyd – T-5
Shipman, Gail Scott –Air Force WWII
Shipman, Thad * –Air Force
Smith, Calvin C.
Smith, E.R. Jr. --Army WWII – Korean War
Smith, Frank Marines
Smith, Harris Stephen II
Smith, Helen E. First Sergeant WAC WWII
Smith, Kenneth D.* - Air Force
Smith, Larry –Army
Smith, Thomas N. - Navy - Vietnam Era
Smith, Vera
Snider, Elisha Jeremy - Army
Snyder, Brian Karl - Army Artillery - Vietnam Era
Snyder, Clifford Gene- Army 504th MP Battalion - Vietnam Era
Soto, Jimmie—Marines
Sparks, Jerry
Sperry, Clarence E. – Navy Petty Officer
Sperry, Joe Frank – Navy Petty Officer
Sperry, Robert D. - Marine
Spivey, Hubert Girwood - Army
Spivey, J. Bryan
Spradlin, Joshua P. - Navy Master of Arms Seaman Apprentice
Spradling, Jason Army Persian Gulf
Squires, Bruce
Squires, Richard E.—Marines
Stafford, Carlos
Stephens, James R. Navy E1
Stephens, Theea
Stephenson, Thomas, - Air Force
Stevens, James
Stevenson, Charles Army/USAF
Stephenson, George L. – Air Force/Navy
Steward, Chris
Stick, Martin C. Jr. – Marines
Stick, Harold
Still, Jessie Lee
Still, Joel
Stinson, Albert J. * – Sgt. U.S. Army, WWII
Stinson, Felix C. * – T-5 U.S. Army, WWII
Stogner, Charles H. II
Stout, David Ray Army Vietnam
Stout, Herman
Straughn, Marlin
Straughn, Barry Vernon – Air Force
Straughn, Garry – Army
Straughn, Paul L. –Air Force
Strickland, J.W. – Navy
Stuart, H. Elvin – Marine Vietnam Era
Sumpter, Gary Lee Jr. –Air Force Reserves
Surber, Dan – Army-Korean War
Surber, Frank – Army-Korean War
Suggs, Harwood D. –Army WWII
Sweet, Bobby Marines Vietnam Era
Sweet, Jerry Marines Vietnam Era
Sweet, David
Swift, Ronald William - Navy
Swinney, Roy Harvey Navy
Tabor Jr., Marvin T. – Air Force
Tabor, Marvin T. * – Army WWII / Air Force – Korean Conflict
Taylor, Bobby Joe – Navy
Taylor, Chester L.
Taylor, John
Talley, William III
Talley, William (Bill) Army Corporal
Tedore, Lori D.—Air Force
Telford, Richmond G. – Navy
Thomas, Heck Andrew
Thomas, James Calvin – Army
Thomas, J.C.
Thomas, John Navy - USS Flint AE 32, Desert Storm
Thomas, Heck Andrew * – Army WWII
Thomas, Carl Eugene – Navy
Thomas, Alvin Eugene - Navy
Thompson, Ronald Dean - Army
Tippen, Robert, II Tex. Air National Guard
Toole, Sherwood Army WWII
Trimmer, Wayne Lee (Bud) - Navy
Trimmer, Wayne – Navy E-4
Tucker, Tommy - Navy
Tune, Dennis, Larry - Navy
Tune, Leslie Lynn
Turk, Charles
Turnbull, Albert Army WWI Pvt. Co.
Turnbull, Raymon Army WWII
Turner, Jeffery L. –Marines
Tyson, Larry James
Underhill, Jerry – Marines WWII
Underwood, Benjamin – Air Force
Underwood, Cecil H. Army
Underwood, David Army
Underwood, David Lynn - Army
Underwood, J.H. Army WWI Pvt.
Underwood, James Army Vietnam Era
Underwood, Jerry Air Force
Underwood, Rachel –National Guard
Underwood, SampsonAir Force E-6
Underwood, Shawn - - Iraq
Underwood, Thedo (Ted)
Underwood, Tecumseh – Army WWII
Underwood, Fred – Army NG
Vale, John Air Force
Vann, Charles – Air Force
Vann, Gordon
Victor, Alfred Civil War
Von Tungeln, Micheal – Marine
Walcott, Jack T. – Air Force
Waldon, Kenneth
Walker, James Charles Korean War
Walker, Jodie D. – Marines WWII

Walker, Toni –Marines
Walker, William Dugles Navy Seaman Second Class USS Oklahoma
Walker, Woodrow W. –Army WWII
Walker, Wordley Natl Guard Army-Private 1st Class
Walker, David B. – Army NG
Wallace, Clarence Air Force Airman 1st Class
Wallace, James
Wallace, Robert
Wallace, Ludie Army PFC
Walton, Ervin Army Vietnam Era
Walton, Ervin Hosey – Army
Ward, William M. – Army Spc 4
Warren, Teddy L. – Air Force
Washburn, Tracy – Army
Washburn, Darrell L. – Army
Washington, Herman – Army
Weaver, Ozzie
Webb, Bryan Christopher – Air Force E-4
Wells, Billy Amon Air Force Master Sergeant
Wells, Homer Dee – Air Force
Wells, Morgan Navy Seaman 1st Class
Welsh, James Leroy Jr.
Wilkins, Timothy
Williford, Alan Frazier
Willis, Carl—Army
Willis, Holmes—ONG
Willis Sr., Paul Allen – Navy
Willis Jr., Paul Allen – Navy
Wilson, Jackie Dee – Navy
White, Harry W.
White, Walter Ross Army Air Corp WWII Cpl.
Whitfield, Marion Navy AOM/1C
Whitfield, Michael
Whitfield, Jack US Navy AOM 3C
Whitfield, Billie
Whitfield, Billy Army
Whitmire, Jack
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Wooley, Robert – Korean Veteran
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Worcester, Frank
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Worcester, Melvin
Worcester, Michael
Worcester, Roy
Word, Estill
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Wyers, Sampson Jr. –Navy WWII
Wynne, Jimmy – Marines
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Wright, George Weldon – Army N.G.
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Chickasaw woman connects with tribe through language

BY RICHARD GREEN | CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Tracey Hicks was nervous as she entered the classroom at East Central University (ECU) in Ada in the spring of 2009. It's not like this was her first college class, or even her first foreign language class; she had taken a lot of Spanish in high school and done well. She had excelled in the fast-paced corporate world of Los Angeles and Houston. So why the nerves?

After she learned that ECU was offering a class for credit in the Chickasaw language, she followed an urge or intuition to enroll. It had been a rare decision made more of the heart than the head. When Tracey had first heard the language spoken, she loved the sound of it. She thought it spoke to her even though she didn't understand a word.

On the other, more rational hand, Tracey had reasons not to be taking on such a daunting challenge. She was a single, part-time working mother of a 2-year-old. Plus, she was already taking a big academic load so that she could graduate by December of 2009. Adding Chickasaw brought the total to 18 hours.

Entering the classroom that evening was like stepping through a portal to a strange new land that might prove to be welcoming and fulfilling or threatening and possibly even humiliating.

For clues, she looked around the room at her classmates. As she later learned, of the fifteen enrolled, fourteen identified as Chickasaw while one white man was taking the class as an elective. Several were identifiable Indians, some were not, like her. And also unlike her, surely a few had the advantage of being raised in homes where the language was spoken and tribal stories were shared.

Tracey hoped that the language would be taught in the context of traditional tribal culture. She believed it was the best way to understand and learn the language, plus such an approach would augment the little she knew about her tribe's history and culture. Fortunately, that was the belief of the instructors, JoAnn Ellis and Cedric Sunray, and the Chickasaw Language Revitalization Program, of which they were staff members. Ellis told the class that other Chickasaw speakers occasionally would take part for language and cultural enrichment and that "cultural people" would make presentations.

Ellis's first language was Chickasaw and she has spoken it all of her life. That makes her uncommon among Chickasaws of her generation. Most parents who spoke the language didn't teach it to their children, fearing it would be an obstacle to learning English and succeeding in the dominant white society. She had several years of experience teaching in public schools and teaching Chickasaw to Head Start children, but had never taught a college course. Sunray didn't speak Chickasaw but had had years of experience working with tribes as a language development specialist.

They told the students that they were going to be "guinea pigs" in that this was the first college course in Chickasaw ever offered. It was intended to be the first of four levels of Chickasaw, which would be implemented in four consecutive semesters.

But developing the levels was only part of the goal. If the program couldn't perpetuate itself by developing more teachers of Chickasaw, it would collapse in time. The only potential teachers then were drawn from a rapidly dwindling pool. The majority of the 100 or so remaining Chickasaw speakers were in their 70s and 80s and most of them either lacked the ability or desire to teach a college class. So the next generation of teachers, Ellis said, had to come from them.

To Tracey, this was an unexpected but appealing challenge.

II

Up to her enrolling in Chickasaw, almost everything about Tracey's life makes it seem highly improbable that she would ever do so. On the plus side, she was Chickasaw on her mother's side. Her father is white. And though the extended family was close, like traditional Chickasaws, their lives in Houston were culturally and geographically remote from tribal ways. "I knew I was part Chickasaw, and thought that was kinda' cool as a child. But in school I was just trying to fit in."

She recalls her mother, Jonny Stacy Hicks showing an interest in Indian affairs in the tumultuous 70s, and acquiring "emblems of Indian-ness." But Tracey had no interest. At age 10, she was much more preoccupied by the "huge upheaval" of her parents' divorce. She says the emotional impact was eased by all the love and support from the large extended family living in Houston.

Tracey graduated from high school in 1982 and moved to Los Angeles in 1988, wanting to see what she could do in the corporate world.

As it turned out, her success outpaced her ability to get a bachelor's degree, though she did earn an associate's degree in 1997. "I took classes when I could fit them in, but honestly my career was lucrative and fun." She enjoyed the respect and collegiality she got from the company partners with their MBAs and loved the stimulation of joining them in collaborative problem-solving sessions. She also enjoyed the fact that was the only non-degreed consultant who was allowed to bill clients.

Tracey gleefully "rode out the last crest of the dot com bubble." And then in 2006, she became pregnant at age 42. Jacob was born in January 2007, and that, she says, changed everything. "Becoming a mother was never anything I thought was important until I became one," she says. "I felt empowered and sharply focused on this little person. And that made me want to be the best person I could be."

But she would need help, which motivated her to move back to family in Houston. In fact, mother and son moved in with her mother and she ran the household for some months until she needed to work again. There were jobs in Houston, but the lengthy commute, she figured, was just time away from Jacob, so she decided this was the time to complete her bachelor's degree. Her mother suggested she access the Chickasaw Nation's website to see about educational opportunities.

When Tracey learned that scholarship money was available and that ECU offered courses in Native American studies, she told her mom that they should drive up to Ada to see if two big city girls could live in a small town. They could.

She always loved history but more to the point, since her return from California, she and her mother had been researching the Chickasaw side of the family. Tracey was fascinated by the notion that her great grandfather, Frank Keno, was raised Chickasaw and even spoke the language, but had adamantly refused to share it with his children.

Chickasaw language apprentice Tracey Hicks spends at least 40 hours a month speaking the language with her master, honored tribal elder Geneva Holman. Tracey, in turn, teaches the language to her son, Jacob.

He sent his daughter, Alma Keno, to Carter Seminary to get her an education and be assimilated faster into white society. The research was frustrating to Tracey because the documents were so impersonal. Furthermore, Mr. Keno didn't leave any correspondence.

III

Tracey and Jacob moved to Ada in December 2008 and spent a cold, lonely and unhealthy winter. "Many times I'd ask myself, 'What are we doing here?'" She thought she might combine her new-found interest in her Chickasaw family with Chickasaw studies at ECU. But she was surprised and disappointed to find that the university, located in the heart of the Chickasaw Nation, didn't offer Chickasaw studies. Instead, she majored in history and minored in Native American studies. To afford child-care, she got a job with the Nation's Division of Communications.

Meanwhile, one of her professors invited a native Chickasaw speaker, Carlin Thompson to provide some cultural enrichment (see Chickasaw Lives, Vol. 2). He was asked to say something in Chickasaw. This was the first Chickasaw Tracey had ever heard spoken. "I was riveted almost immediately. I didn't know what he said, but the language seemed so melodic and pleasing to hear. I talked with Carlin after class, hoping to coax him into speaking more Chickasaw, but I was too self-conscious to ask directly. He probably thought I was a crazy woman."

Tracey wasn't sure that Chickasaws like Carlin would accept a woman who didn't grow up in the Nation, didn't know any of the language, and didn't know the tribe's history and culture. "I thought being Chickasaw might be part of me, but I didn't feel it at the time. I was afraid I would just be perceived as one of those people who suddenly decide to be Indian for awhile."

She didn't hear the language spoken again for almost a year until she attended a weekly language class that was offered to employees by the Nation. This was the first time she understood that the tribe offered language opportunities. She attended a couple of sessions, but for her, the weekly class was too long in the evenings, and she was busy as it was with school,

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work and raising Jacob.

The sessions had been run by members of the tribe's new language revitalization program, directed by Joshua Hinson. Tracey met Hinson, whose relaxed, wry manner made her feel welcome. She also met Chickasaw speakers JoAnn Ellis and Stanley Smith and started "bugging them" periodically for translations and to learn some common phrases.

When her mother and grandmother joined her in Ada, Tracey felt she was ready to go full-steam ahead academically by adding Chickasaw to her load at ECU. On Tuesdays there was new vocabulary including colors, numbers, animals, clothing, family members and a list of basic phrases. On Thursdays, there was a quiz, and numerous activities, including games designed to maintain interest by helping the students to learn the foundations of the language actively not passively.

Quickly, Tracey realized, "I was getting it. Chickasaw is very different from English, but in many ways it's more logical once you get the basic understanding."

She progressed, thoroughly enjoying the classes, but at times, felt conflicted. On one hand, things were clicking; she was "sponging up" the vocabulary, and she wanted to go faster. But on the other hand, she was balancing so many demands that sometimes she didn't get around to studying until the last minute.

Some of the 15 enrolled students dropped out during the first week. Tracey and six others completed the semester. By this time, she practiced speaking Chickasaw every chance she got; she loved meeting or running into Chickasaw speakers so she could practice.

Sporting their Chickasaw language shirts are Tracey Hicks and her son Jacob who is certainly one of the youngest Chickasaw language students.

She sailed into Chickasaw II. But again her part-time work on the tribe's website and wanting to be with Jacob as much as possible, led to tough choices. She was constantly prioritizing her activities and struggling to get enough sleep.

She finished the course, and could actually begin seeing herself one day teaching Chickasaw on some level. She already was teaching Jacob. Completion of Chickasaw II coincided with her graduation from ECU in December 2009. Her most special graduation gift was from her uncle Frank Keno, Jr. It was a Choctaw Bible that was in the possession of her great grandfather, Frank Keno, when he died.

The Bible was a beautiful gift; it stoked in Tracey the desire to understand her great grandfather better. He had refused to teach his children Chickasaw and moved the family away from its Indian roots. She knew this wasn't a rare phenomenon in Chickasaws of his generation, but what prompted him to hide and even deny his native blood? And yet, at the end of his life, he was carrying a Choctaw Bible. Was this some sort of reconciliation on his part or was this a sign?

IV

Tracey's college graduation was a high point in her life. But she already had stepped up her commitment to the Chickasaw language and the tribe's revitalization program by enrolling in Chickasaw III. Moreover, she was one of 12 who had been accepted into the program's Master-Apprentice Program, a forty-hour a month interaction with a Chickasaw native speaker. Tracey was excited to be paired with Geneva Holman, 81, who in 2004 had been presented the Silver Feather Award by the tribe for a lifetime of cultural achievements.

Despite her graduation, Tracey's December had been very stressful. The staff at Jacob's daycare center had been saying that they were increasingly unable to handle his puzzling behavior. Sometimes his temper would spin out of control or he would be emotionally remote. Finally, the director told Tracey that they could no longer provide daycare service for Jacob. So as she was graduating, Tracey was searching in vain for an appropriate daycare center that she could afford.

That January of 2010, when she expected to be caught up in the Chickasaw language, she felt like she was in the vortex of a swirling mass with no way out. Tracey told her mother that if something didn't change within a month or so, they might have to move back to Houston for family support. And yet, Tracey was anything but passive. She had always been a good problem solver. She needed more money, so she went looking for a full-time job and she landed one working out of her home with flexible hours for a communications company that had a contract to provide, among other things, social media services to the Chickasaw Nation.

She took Jacob to the University of Oklahoma Child Study Center (CSC) in Oklahoma City for a workup and was stunned to learn that the diagnosis was autism. The CSC offered a program of support services for autistic children, but it meant Tracey would have to drive him to a CSC satellite clinic in Shawnee every week. That caused her to miss too many of her Chickasaw III classes, and by April, she reluctantly agreed with her instructor JoAnn Ellis to drop the course. Although, Tracey and Geneva Holman, 81, met and hit it off well, Tracey wasn't able to begin the Master-Apprentice Program in earnest until March.

Dropping Chickasaw III was a major disappointment for Tracey because it won't be offered again until the fall of 2011 and this will delay her development in grammar and writing. But, she has stepped up progress conversationally. She and Ms. Geneva--as she calls her master and friend--speak Chickasaw together almost every day.

Geneva Holman grew up at Kullihoma, 10 miles east of Ada, speaking Chickasaw before she learned English. Tracey spends many hours a week at Geneva's house or vice versa. Geneva says more than half the time they are speaking to each other only in Chickasaw. She also answers Tracey's questions about growing up Chickasaw. They have lunch or dinner every week and check in by phone several times a week. Tracey considers Geneva to be like another grandmother.

In addition, they are required by the program to make videotapes and digital audio recordings of selected activities. In the late summer, Tracey began hosting dinners at their house so that Chickasaw speakers and students could get together socially in a low stress setting to practice the language. Tracey has been videotaping portions of their parties to show Chickasaws of all ages speaking together in their native language and in English.

The videos must seem like answered prayers to the elders like Geneva and Stanly Smith, who only a few years ago agreed that when they passed away, the spoken language would go with them.

After editing, the videos eventually will be seen on YouTube. But she already has put language videos on YouTube at http://bit.ly/aXXkZw. Befitting her social media expertise, she can be reached on Twitter@ traghic and her Facebook page Chikashsha Iliachika, We speak Chickasaw, is at http://on.fb.me/bmrNkq.

Tracey also blogs, via http://bot.ly/cHy3sY where recently she wrote, "the Chickasaw language is a gift and the elders who still speak it are priceless treasures. Yet they are quiet and unassuming and patient. They grew up in times of great stress and prejudice, but they dealt with it and sometimes still do."

She believes her great grandfather was a victim of that prejudice. He felt he had to move his family "far away from Indian people so they could pass for white.

"Now, here I am, the one who was probably least likely to have ever cared about being Chickasaw, embracing my language and family heritage.

"I am the one who will pass this language on to my son. I will be the one to tell the stories. I will remember the elders who taught me, who welcomed me, saying, 'Chokma, chipisalakma chokma, ayoppanshta.' (Hello, we are happy to see you.) 'Binnili'ma shiyachi.' (Sit and talk for awhile.)

Readers may contact Richard Green at Richard.Green@Chickasaw.net.

Pride in Homeownership 2010 Yard Contest winners

The tribal Division of Housing and Tribal Development sponsors an annual Pride in Homeownership Yard Contest each Spring. This contest is open to all active participants in the Homeowners Program and runs from May through August.

Two winners are selected from the Pontotoc District, Pickens District and Panola/Tishomingo District for the Legislator Award of a month's free house payment. These winners will then advance to compete for the Lt. Governor's Award of a $50 Wal-mart gift card.

These four winners will then be eligible for the Governor's Award of a $250 Wal-mart gift card. This selection will be made in October.

You can submit your home by calling Diana Faulkner at (580) 421-8800, or by e-mail at Diana.Faulkner@chickasaw.net. A Housing

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Linda King - Pontotoc District

July 2010 Lt. Governor's Award Winner and July 2010 winner
Mark Willoughby - Pontotoc District

August 2010 Lt. Governor's Award Winner and August 2011 winner
Janelle Folk - Pontotoc District

May 2010 winner
Doris Postoak - Pontotoc District

May 2010 winner
Sheila Prince - Pickens District

May 2010 winner
Tyrone Newton - Pickens District

May 2010 winner
Kathy Eagle - Panola/Tishomingo Districts

May 2010 winner
Gene Whitley - Panola/Tishomingo Districts

June 2010 winner
Jonathan (Terry) Holman - Pontotoc District

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June 2010 winner
Johnny Miller - Pontotoc District

June 2010 winner
Jessee Humphries - Pickens District

June 2010 winner
Thomas McGee Jr., Pickens District

June 2010 winner
Joe D. Beshirs - Panola/Tishomingo Districts

July 2010 winner
Travis Fryrear - Pontotoc District

July 2010 winner
Jennifer Wright - Pickens District

July 2010 winner
Joshua Foraker - Pickens District

July 2010 winner
Jodi Holt - Panola/Tishomingo Districts

July 2010 winner
Candace Rochelle - Panola/Tishomingo Districts

August 2010 winner
Sandra Stanton - Pontotoc District

August 2010 winner
Redonna Kassheimer - Pickens District

August 2010 winner
Johnny Meely - Pickens District

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LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION
Chickasaw Nation Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
September 17, 2010

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Holly Easterling called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Holly Easterling, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Member absent: Tim Colbert

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Dana Lance, Wilma Pauline Stout Watson, Mike Watson, Sharmina Manandhar, Michael L. Wingo

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - August 20, 2010

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Case to approve the minutes of August 20, 2010.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of August 20, 2010, carried unanimously.

Session Minutes of March 19, 2010

Amendments were read for the March 19, 2010 session minutes.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve the amendments to the minutes of March 19, 2010.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the amendments to the March 19, 2010, session minutes carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

No report.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 27-046, Assurances for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for an Indian Community Development Block Grant for a community facility funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the establishment of a Connerville Senior/Community Center to be located in Connerville, Johnston County, Oklahoma.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Mr. Woods to approve GR27-046.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-046 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 27-047, Authorization to Apply for Grants and Consolidate Funding

Public Law 102-477 permits the consolidation of funding received for the Pathways-To-Success program, an integrated set of services provided by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Social Services. Many clients seeking assistance have significant barriers to employment such as chronic underemployment, homelessness, academic deficiencies and no support system. The program strategy focuses on equipping clients with life skills critical to self-sufficiency. To improve the quality of life for our vulnerable clients, the Chickasaw Nation Pathways-To-Success Program will invest case management, counseling and life skills training to increase each client's ability to reach his/her potential while decreasing the client's dependence on financial assistance.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR27-047.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-047 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 27-048, Application for Membership, National Congress of American Indians

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for membership in the National Congress of American Indians. This is virtually the same application which is submitted to the Legislature for approval each year. The NCAI has been instrumental in supporting issues of importance to Native Americans. As an independent group, NCAI is representative of the largest concentration of Native Americans, and is often called upon by Congress to provide information and testimony on important Indian subjects. The Chickasaw Nation has been a member in good standing in NCAI since the early 1980s. This resolution names the representatives of the Chickasaw Nation to NCAI.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR27-048.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-048 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair David Woerz

General Resolution Number 27-043, Amendment to Resolution 19-020

The Chickasaw Nation previously acquired a certain tract of land in Murray County, Oklahoma. The Bureau of Indian Affairs specifically requires the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation be authorized to request the said tract to be placed U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation. The property is to be used for the Cultural Center Village.

A motion was made by Ms. Barker and seconded by Ms. Elliott to approve GR27-043.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-043 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 27-044, Amendment to Resolution 21-020

The Chickasaw Nation previously acquired a certain tract of land in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. The Bureau of Indian Affairs requires the resolution to contain

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee
October 4, 2010
Present: Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling
October 12, 2010
Present: Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling
Absent: Linda Briggs

Health Care Committee
October 4, 2010
Present: Connie Barker, Beth Alexander, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Holly Easterling
Absent: Katie Case

Human Resources Committee
October 4, 2010
Present: Dean McManus, Donnie Barker, Scott Colbert, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Holly Easterling
Absent: Katie Case

Land Development Committee
October 4, 2010
Present: David Woerz, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

Legislative Committee
October 4, 2010
Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods
Absent: Katie Case, Tim Colbert

Committee of the Whole Meeting
October 12, 2010
Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz
Absent: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert

OCTOBER 2010 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 28-001
Approval of Development Budget Amendment
Roads Department Building

Explanation: The Chickasaw Nation Roads Department is currently responsible for approximately 25 roads projects to replace roads and bridges throughout the 13 counties encompassed by the Chickasaw Nation. The Chickasaw Nation Roads Department is also an important liaison with the county and state governments in Oklahoma. The Roads Department has worked with county commissioners and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation on projects that enhance the lives of all Oklahomans within the Chickasaw Nation. Additionally, the Roads Department administers the Driveway Program designed to assist Chickasaw elders and families with special needs, living within the Chickasaw Nation, with the repair and/or construction of private driveways. The Roads Department is also responsible for assisting in emergency response to snow and ice events for Chickasaw Nation property. The work of the Chickasaw Nation Roads Department helps ensure safe roads and bridges, safe driveways for citizens and prompt responses for emergencies.

The Roads Department has outgrown its current office space and a new building with support facilities is needed for the Roads Department to continue to provide quality services to the citizens of the Chickasaw Nation. The new support facilities will allow a quick response to needs of the Chickasaw Nation buildings during snow and ice events, and to efficiently serve the citizens and non-citizens of the Chickasaw Nation with improved roads and bridges.

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Roads Department Offices and Support Facilities, Project Number 30-0095-10 in the amount of $1,612,705.00, as more particularly described in Exhibit A.

Presented by: Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 28-002
Approval of Development Budget Amendment
Ada Maintenance Building

Explanation: The Chickasaw Nation Maintenance Department is responsible for maintaining buildings, property and facility infrastructure throughout the Chickasaw Nation. The functions performed by the Maintenance Department include housekeeping, maintenance, landscaping and tribal properties, and the Maintenance Department works to ensure facilities are safe, clean and well maintained both internally and externally. The Ada maintenance staff provides service for facilities in and around Ada.

The Ada maintenance staff is currently housed in several different buildings throughout Ada. The requested building will allow for consolidation of all staff into one location. This will alleviate current overcrowding among several departments as well as provide more efficient coordination of the staff. The new building will provide adequate office and work area for the Ada maintenance staff to serve facilities in the Ada area.

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for Ada Maintenance building, Project Number 20-0098-10 in the amount of $685,000.00, as more particularly described in Exhibit A.

Presented by: Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 28-003
Approval of Development Budget
Amendment Ardmore Maintenance Building

Explanation: The Chickasaw Nation Maintenance Department is responsible for maintaining buildings, property and facility infrastructure throughout the Chickasaw Nation. The functions performed by the Maintenance Department include housekeeping, maintenance, landscaping and tribal properties, and the Maintenance Department works to ensure facilities are safe, clean and well maintained, both internally and externally. The Ardmore maintenance staff provides service for multiple facilities in and around Ardmore.

Currently the Ardmore maintenance offices are located on the Ardmore campus. The offices must be relocated to accommodate the construction of the new Chickasaw Nation Health Clinic. The new maintenance building will be constructed in the northeast corner of the Ardmore campus property. The proposed building will provide office space, equipment bays and a shop area. This proposed building will provide adequate office and work area for the Ardmore maintenance staff to serve facilities in the Ardmore area.

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for Ardmore Maintenance building, Project Number 20-0099-10, in the amount of $497,750.00, as more particularly described in Exhibit A.

Presented by: Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 28-004

Approval of Application for Funding from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging, Title VI, Part A Grant for Native Americans and Title VI, Part C Grant for Native American Caregiver Support Program

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging, Title VI, Part A grant for funding to help the Chickasaw Nation Division on Aging continue to provide nutritional and supportive services to Indian elders, and Title VI, Part C grant for funding to assist families in caring for an older relative with a chronic illness or disability. The application requests federal funding in the amount of $186,000.00 for Part A and $57,680.00 for Part C.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 28-005
Agricultural Lease No. G09-1754 in Atoka County

Explanation: This resolution approves Agricultural Lease No. G09-1754, for grazing purposes, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations,

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2009-2010 Tribal Legislature

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CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS and EVENTS

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OKLAHOMA
ADA
Volleyball League-Ada Family Life Center Gym
Beginning October 5 and each following Tuesday
Matt Folsom (580) 272-5509

Elders' Christmas Dinner-Ada Agri-Plex
December 17 from 10 a.m-2 p.m.
Linda Landgraf (580) 798-7355

CONNERVILLE
Connerville Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

KINGSTON
Chickasaws of Texoma
Quarterly, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, 580-564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, 580-564-4570

NEWCASTLE
Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 2nd Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY
OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Linda O'Hagen, 405-350-3311 or 405-409-3556

PURCELL
Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
John Hobbs, 405-922-3926

TISHOMINGO
Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

ARIZONA
Chickasaws of Arizona
Quarterly Meetings
Angie Ott, 480-834-7309

CALIFORNIA
Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 3rd Saturday 2:00 p.m.
Bill Chandler, 714-604-5224 or wchandler@socal.rr.com

Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection Quarterly
Phil Reynolds, 916-988-8182

COLORADO
Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Quarterly, 2nd Saturday
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

KANSAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
Quarterly, 3rd Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
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New England Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW MEXICO
New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
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Chris Rodke, 505-980-1368

OREGON/WASHINGTON
Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
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TEXAS
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Gene Thompson, 512-258-7919 or 512-517-4404

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
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Michele Moody, 210-492-2288

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Saturday
John C. Atkins, 972-271-0692

Pacific Northwest Community Council

The next gathering of the Pacific Northwest Community Council is Saturday, Nov. 13. The guest speaker will be La Donna Brown, Production Specialist in Multimedia in Oklahoma and an expert in Chickasaw history. She will be telling stories and answering questions about our history, so don't miss this one!

We look forward to seeing all of you and catching up. We wish the Chickasaw Nation and all our citizens a hearty "Happy Thanksgiving".

Potluck Quarterly Meeting:

Saturday, November 13 – Marshall Community Center - Vancouver WA

For further information, contact Kim: (503) 819-3097 or Rena: (503) 543-7401.

Chickasaws of Texas Community Council

A meeting of Chickasaw citizens living in the Tyler, Athens, Palestine, Longview, Kilgore, Henderson, Carthage, Jacksonville and Rusk, Texas areas will meet Dec. 5, 2010. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Residence Inn, 3303 Troup Highway, Tyler.

Chickasaws in the area will meet one another, discuss forming a community council and hear the latest information about the Chickasaw Nation's housing program. Mike Wingo, Customer Service Coordinator, Division of Housing and Tribal Development, will talk about home improvement, handicap accessibility and storm shelters available to at-large citizens.

For more information please contact Howard Thompson at (903) 570-9244 or brohoward@gmail.com

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For more information or to inquire about your voting status, please call Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar Rita Loder at (580) 310-6475 or toll free 1-888-661-0137.

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Jean Mead Scott

Jean Mead Scott, 84, of Colbert, Okla., died Sept. 9, 2010 at Sherman, Texas. Services were Sept. 11 at Colman Avenue Church of Christ, Colbert, with Richard Gage officiating.

She was born April 1, 1926 at Liberty, Okla., to Walter Bradford and Byrdie Mae (Hawkins) Mead.

She was a member of the Colman Avenue Church of Christ most of her life and she was a Chickasaw citizen. She loved quilting, gardening and lived for her children.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter Bradfor and Byrdie Mae Mead; brothers, Minor, Leo, Joe, Jimmy, Roy, Jack and Howard.

She is survived by daughters, Connie Stange, of Sherman, and Jeanne Schuth and husband, Riley, of Colbert, Okla.; sons, Rodney Clarence Nunley and wife, Everetta, and Ralph Nunley and wife, Donna, all of Colbert; father of children, Clarence Lee Nunley, of Denison, Texas; sisters, Thelma Crook and husband, Alton, and Effie Norris, all of Arlington; brothers, Heal Mead and wife, Flora, of Denison; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Marion Elizabeth "Betty" Crabb

Marion Elizabeth "Betty" Crabb died Oct. 2, 2010 at Waxahachie, Texas. Services were Oct. 5, 2010 at Duncan, Okla.

She was born Aug. 2, 1931 to Gilbert Marion and Stella Lee Stogsdill.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Patricia Ann Coker; and her beloved husband of 52 years, Donlad Glenn Crabb.

She is survived by her children, Marsha Stansell and husband, Lewis, and Richard Crabb and wife, Jenette; grandchildren, Brett Andrew Grant and wife, Aimee, Cameron Lee Grant and wife, Linsey, Lieutenant Junior Grade Justin Glenn Crabb, USN, Ensign Jacob Colby Crabb, SC, USN, Kris and Chea Stansell and Mike and Marie Andrle; great-grandchildren, Hayden Thomas Grant, Addison Leigh Grant, Fisher Glenn Grant, Grayson Mark Grant, Whitney Stansell, Jessica Stansell, Hailey Andrle and Katelynn Andrle; sister-in-law, Judy Jenkins and husband, Kevin; niece, Jera Alcorn and husband, Steve; and her special high school group better known as "The 49er's."

Marie Pettigrew Titsworth

Services for Marie Pettigrew Titsworth, 84, of Ada, Okla., were Oct. 7, 2010 at Calvary Pentecostal Holiness Church with Rev. Frank Trent officiating. Burial followed at Swan Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Titsworth died Oct. 3, 2010 at a local nursing home. She was born March 3, 1926 at Franks, Okla., to Arch McCannon and Mica Stout Pettigrew. She lived in the Ada area all her life attending school at Hickory Hill.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Alvin Titsworth; an infant daughter, Elba Titsworth, and numerous brothers and sisters.

She is survived by six daughters, Eleanor Muck, Paula Turner, both of Vanoss, Okla., Teri Jo (Mitzi) Maxwell, of Henryetta, Okla., Judy Howell and husband Jim, of Ada, Melba Turner, of Ada, and Kathy Attebery and Steve Warkaske, of Francis, Okla.; two sons, Gary Cravatt and wife Audrey, of Houston, and Odell Titsworth and wife Patsy, of Medford, Okla.; grandchildren, Freda Montgomery and husband Scott, Billy Cravatt, Jennifer Cravatt, Cristina Cravatt, Sunny Shaw and husband Jayson, Carl Turner and wife Helen, Randy Turner and wife Anna, Marshall Reed, James Reed and John Maxwell, Athena Angelly, Tessa Northcutt and husband Caleb, Bush Northcutt, Keith Titsworth, Cassey Titsworth, Mindy Titsworth, Brian Turner, Ryan Postoak, Josh Attebery, Shelby Attebery, Sofie Attebery, Sage Attebery, Shyla Warkaske and Sariya Warkaske; 31 great-grandchildren; numerous brothers and sisters; and an entire host of relatives and friends.

Bearers were her grandsons, Josh, Keith, Ryan, Brian, Marshall, Bush, Carl, Randy, Jayson, Billy and Scott. Honorary bearers were Steve Warkaske, Eddie Carpenter, Boyd Cox, and Stewart Johnson.

Mary Martha Ned Ross

Mary Martha Ned Ross, 76, of Oklahoma City, died Sept. 6, 2010. Services were Sept. 9 at Vondel Smith Funeral Home Chapel, Oklahoma City, with her brother-in-law, Rev. Dr. Emmerson Falls officiating. A service was also conducted in Ada, Okla., Sept. 11 with Rev. Larry Hawkins and Dr. Emmerson Falls officiating. Burial followed at Pontotoc Cemetery, Pontotoc, Okla.

She was born July 3, 1934 at Pontotoc, to Morris Ned, Sr., and Rena Cravatt Ned, an original enrollee. She grew up in the Pontotoc area and graduated from Pontotoc Schools.

She married Cleveland "Cliff" Asher Ross Jan. 28, 1963. He preceded her in death Aug. 29, 1996.

As a child, Mrs. Ross was a member of Okchamali (Blue) Baptist Church, Connerville, Okla., where her parents were very active in the church. As an adult she and her husband were members of Glorieta Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

For many years Mrs. Ross worked for the Internal Revenue Service. At the time of her death, she was a retired homemaker. She loved watching the OU Sooners football and basketball teams. She always enjoyed holding babies in the family.

She was especially proud to be full-blood Chickasaw and taught her grandchildren many Chickasaw words.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cliff Ross; her parents, Homer and Rena Ned; a son, Michael Kerry Lewis; and a brother, Morris Homer Ned, Jr.

She is survived by daughters, Lisa M. Ross of Oklahoma City, and Dawn Ahhaitty and husband, Correy Sr., of Germantown, Md.; a sister, Shirley Ned Falls and husband, Rev. Emerson Falls, of Oklahoma City; grandchildren, Rachel Dawn Tiger, of Muskogee, Okla., Michael Ross Tiger, and Correy Ahhaitty, Jr., of Germantown; and great-granddaughter, Isabelle Eliana Pinon, of Muskogee; and many nieces and nephews.

She will be in our hearts and minds continually but we are thankful she is in Heaven with her family members who have gone on before, with her new Heavenly body. Now she can run and jump and see again! We love you Mom, Grandma and Great-grandma!

Rodger Dale Whittington

Rodger Dale Whittington, 58, died September 17, 2010 at Johnston Memorial Hospital, Tishomingo, Okla. Services were Sept. 21, at First Baptist Church, Milburn, Okla., with Alvie Perkins, Jr., and Earl White officiating.

He was born March 20, 1952 to Charles Rodger Whittington and Joretta Fern Gipson Whittington at Ada, Okla. He was a direct descendant of Eddie Gipson (grandfather) an original enrollee.

He graduated from McLish High School, Fittstown, Okla., in 1970 and married Marilyn Jane Perkins Feb. 5, 1971 at Fittstown.

He worked for the Mobil Oil Company for 22 years, retiring in 1996 as a supervisor. He also raised and raced quarter horses for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents a daughter, Melissa Gayle Bird; and a grandson, Marcus Tanner Bird.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn, of the home; a son, Wade Whittington, of Milburn; a son-in-law, John Bird, of Mulvane, Kan.: five sisters, Madonna Tidwell and husband, Bubba, of Roff, Okla., Rhonda Brown and husband, David, of Tishomingo, Okla., Twila Ferris, of Connerville, Andrea Rausch and husband, Bob, of Ashland, Ohio., and Vanessa Barr and husband, Brent, of Salt Lake City; two brothers, Robert Whittington, of Byars, Okla., and Edward Whittington; two sisters-in-law Clarice LaFevers, of Milburn and Carolyn Paris and husband, Larry, of Kenefic, Okla.; two brothers-in-law, Alvie Perkins and wife, Glenda, of Soper, Okla., and Gene Perkins and wife, Mickie, of Milburn; and a large extended family of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

William "Sonny" Howard Douglas, Jr.

William "Sonny" Howard Douglas Jr., died Oct. 8, 2010. He was born Oct. 23, 1949 to Lillie Perry Douglas and Bill Douglas. He was raised in Tulsa. He would visit High Hill Baptist in Ada to visit his grandmother, Casey Perry and his cousins or they would visit him in Tulsa.

He played the accordion and drums.

He was 7/8 Creek/Chickasaw and attended Sequayah during his freshman year. At the age of 17, he joined the U.S. Marines, and at the age of 18 he went to Vietnam.

He stepped on a trip mine and was wounded resulting in him having to stay in the hospital and having skin graffes.

He received an honorable discharge and retired as a Lance Corpal at the age of 19. He was honored with the Purple Heart, Vietnam Champain Medal, Southeast Asia Medal, Good Conduct Medal and Expert Marksman Medal.

Mr. Douglas was very respectful of his elders and Indian people. He would claim he was a gun-hoe Marine and Indian and proud of it.

Military Graveside services were conducted at High Hill Cemetery.

Cynthia Ann Watson

Graveside services for Cynthia Ann Watson were March 16, 2010, at Pleasant Oak Cemetery, Enville, Okla., with Rev. Billy Smith officiating.

She was born Feb. 6, 1940, to Wilson W. and Estaline Pershica Wallace at Lawton, Okla. She died March 13, 2010, at Mercy Memorial Hospital, Ardmore, Okla. at the age of 70.

Mrs. Watson was a member of the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nation. She attended Haskell Junior College in Lawrence, Kan., and was a nurse.

She married Julius Watson in Wright City on Sept. 4, 1960 and was a lifelong resident of Ardmore. She attended the Southwest Pentecostal Church and enjoyed quilting, fishing and bingo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Julius Watson; a son Billy Jack Watson; and a sister Geneva Hermes.

She is survived by a son, Robert Dale Watson; two daughters, Serena Bond and Linda French, both of Ardmore; a sister, Sue Caldwell, of Enville; and three brothers, Charles B. Wallace, of Enville, Roger Dale Wallace, of Gainesville, Texas, and Joe Wallace, of Dickson, Okla.; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Online condolences can be made to www.craddockfuneralhome.com.

Charles B. Wallace

Charles B. Wallace, 57, of Marietta, Okla., died April 23, 2010 at a local hospital. Memorial services were April 26 at the Craddock Memorial Chapel with Rev. Billy Smith officiating.

He was born December 24, 1952, at Ardmore, Okla., to Wilson and Estaline Pershica Wallace.

He was a resident of Love County most of his life where he graduated from Marietta High School.

He enjoyed fishing, arts and crafts, loved motorcycles and pit bull dogs.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Cynthia Watson, Genevea Hermus; and anephew, Billy L. Watson.

He is survived by a daughter, Jennifer Wallace, of Durant, Okla.; a sister, Linda Caldwell, of Marietta; two brothers, Joe Wallace, of Dickson, Okla., and Roger Wallace, of Gainesville, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

On-line condolences can be made at craddockfuneralhome.com.

Francis Talmage Smith

Francis Talmage Smith, 83, died August 27, 2010 after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

He was born Dec. 30, 1926 at Norman, Okla.

Mr. Smith married Sallie Marie Powell June 18, 1950. They were married for 40 happy years. She preceded him in death in 1991.

Mr. Smith was a proud Chickasaw citizen.

He was a very devoted to family. He helped his family survive the hard times of the Great Depression by hunting, raising honey bees and gardening on the family farm in Newcastle, Okla. He was a talented and skilled worker and was always willing to help neighbors and friends.

Mr. Smith served in the U. S. Army in WWII. He worked for awhile for the city of Oklahoma City, then accepted a job with Shell Oil Company where he worked for more than 35 years.

He was preceded in death by his sons, Sherman Smith and Kenneth Smith; his parents, Matthew and Willie Jean Smith (Roll # 1277); a brother Riley Smith; and sisters, Oteka Showalter, Claudia McKinney and Charlotte Lowe.

He is survived by a brother, Kenneth and wife, Emma Smith; a sister, Virginia Bohner; sons, Larry and wife, Julie Smith and Herman and wife, Sherian Smith; grandchildren, Brandie and Fred Breshears, Christina and Eric Holmes, Eric O'Brien, Tiffany and Morgan Robinson, Jason and Erin Harley, Kaylen and Simon Peterson, Kyle Smith, Angie and Barrett Larkey, Dustin and Cristalle Smith, Amy and Ryan Edwards, and Cody Smith; 14 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends!

His final journey ended in Norman, OK next to his wife Sallie on Thursday, September 2, 2010.

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August 2010 winner
Birdie Flowers - Panola/Tishomingo Districts

August 2010 winner
Ronald Colt Digby - Panola/Tishomingo District

Chickasaw Agency Schedules Pack Test Dates

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Oklahoma Chickasaw Agency Fire Suppression Program, will administer a Pack Test at the East Central University track in Ada from noon and to 2:30 p.m. **Test dates are: October 22 and 29, November 5, 12 and 19, December 9, 10 and 17, and January 7, 14 and 21, 2011.**

The scheduled dates will be the only times the Pack Test will be sponsored by the Chickasaw Agency.

A current physical examination and a clean drug test are required prior to taking the test. A drug test will be administered the day of the Pack Test. **No Exceptions!**

Contact Jonas Manley, Range Technician-Fire Management, or William T. Schultz, Forestry Technician-Prevention and Mitigation at (580) 436-0784.

Chickasaw Agency Schedules Refresher Dates

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Oklahoma Region, Chickasaw Agency Fire Suppression Program will administer a Refresher Course for veteran firefighters at the Pontotoc County Vocational Technology Center, Ada, beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m. The scheduled dates will be the only time the refresher course will be sponsored by the Chickasaw agency.

The course dates are: October 23, 2010, November 13, 2010, December 11, 2010, January 15, 2011.

Any veteran firefighter who does not have this course will not be qualified to fight fires and will not be eligible for fire details.

No Exceptions!

For more information contact Jonas Manley, Range Technician-Fire Management or William T. Schultz, Forestry Technician-Prevention and Mitigation at (580) 436-0784.

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described as: All of Section 18, Township 2 North, Range 12 East, Atoka County, Oklahoma, containing 632.32 acres, more or less, in favor of Ewing and Donna Downen. The proposed lease will be for a three (3) year term beginning on January 1, 2010, and expiring on December 31, 2012, with a per annum payment of $9,500.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $2,375.00.

Property Location: Atoka County, Oklahoma

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 28-006

Business Lease No. G09-1744 in Pittsburg County

Explanation: This resolution approves Business Lease No. G09-1744, for access purposes, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, described as: the Northeast diagonal half of the NW¼NW¼ of Section 19, Township 6 North, Range 15 East, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, containing 20 acres, more or less, in favor of Billy Black. The proposed lease will be for a three (3) year term beginning on November 1, 2009, and expiring on October 31, 2012, with a per annum payment of 225.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $56.25.

Property Location: Pittsburg County

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 28-007

Authorization of Real Property Lease in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to lease real property in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, known as the Abbott-Miller Building and described as: A TR IN SE BEG AT SE/C OF SE N0DEG 11'35"E 768.85' –N89DEG 48'25"W 350' TO POB –N0DEG 11'35"E 620' –S89DEG 48'25"E 310' TO A PT ON W R/W OF COUNTRY CLUB RD –N0DEG 11'35"E ALONG W R/W OF COUNTRY CLUB RD 60' –N89DEG 47'50"W 851.53' –S0DEG 09'32"W 337.03' N89DEG 47'50"W 278.88' TO A PT ON E R/W LINE OF SUSAN ST – S0DEG 09'32"W ALONG E R/W OF SUSAN ST 343.33' –S89DEG 48'25" 820' TO POB CONT 11.1 ACRES SEC 27-4-6, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

This lease covers the period from November 1, 2010 through October 31, 2011, with an option to renew for a period not to exceed one year.

Presented By: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number GR28-008

Authorization of Real Property Lease in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to lease real property in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, known as the Abbott-Miller Building and described as: A TR IN SE BEG AT SE/C OF SE N0DEG 11'35"E 768.85' –N89DEG 48'25"W 350' TO POB –N0DEG 11'35"E 620' –S89DEG 48'25"E 310' TO A PT ON W R/W OF COUNTRY CLUB RD –N0DEG 11'35"E ALONG W R/W OF COUNTRY CLUB RD 60' –N89DEG 47'50"W 851.53' –S0DEG 09'32"W 337.03' N89DEG 47'50"W 278.88' TO A PT ON E R/W LINE OF SUSAN ST – S0DEG 09'32"W ALONG E R/W OF SUSAN ST 343.33' –S89DEG 48'25" 820' TO POB CONT 11.1 ACRES SEC 27-4-6, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

This lease covers the period from November 1, 2010 through October 31, 2011, with an option to renew for a period not to exceed one year.

Presented By: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 28-009

Authorization for Real Property Lease in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to lease nine hundred seventy six (976) square feet of office space affixed to real property in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, known as the Abbott-Miller Building and described as: A TR IN SE BEG AT SE/C OF SE N0DEG 11'35"E 768.85' –N89DEG 48'25"W 350' TO POB –N0DEG 11'35"E 620' –S89DEG 48'25"E 310' TO A PT ON W R/W OF COUNTRY CLUB RD –N0DEG 11'35"E ALONG W R/W OF COUNTRY CLUB RD 60' –N89DEG 47'50"W 851.53' –S0DEG 09'32"W 337.03' N89DEG 47'50"W 278.88' TO A PT ON E R/W LINE OF SUSAN ST – S0DEG 09'32"W ALONG E R/W OF SUSAN ST 343.33' –S89DEG 48'25" 820' TO POB CONT 11.1 ACRES SEC 27-4-6, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

This lease covers the period from November 1, 2010 through October 31, 2011, with an option to renew for a period not to exceed one year.

Presented By: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 28 -010

Declaration of Vacancy and Request for Special Election

Explanation: This resolution announces a vacancy on the Legislature due to the resignation of Holly Easterling, Seat 1, Pontotoc District. It requests the Governor call a special election to fill the vacancy and sets forth specific rules, procedures and dates for such special election.

Presented by: Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

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the exact legal description of the tract of land being submitted for fee to trust with the U.S.A. and an authorization for the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, or his designee, to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the above described tract of land U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation, if such action is advantageous. The property is part of the Lighthorse Police Complex.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR27-044.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-044 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 27-045, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous. The property is to be utilized for expansion of the Chickasaw Capitol Complex .

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Mr. Woods to approve GR27-045.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-045 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woerz concluded his report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

No report.

HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Connie Barker

No report.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

No report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Chairperson Easterling announced the Oath of Office ceremony, and the financial reports as well as a schedule of festival event were included in the Legislator's packets.

Mr. Mike Watson commented on the excellent service his mother received in the emergency room at the new health care facility; faster refills on prescriptions at the Ardmore clinic, services for at-large citizens to include dentures; and more funding be allocated for food at the Ardmore Senior Citizen site. He also asked that the Election Rules and Regulations be reviewed to address outside influences during an election.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Briggs, Secretary

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary

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